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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 14, 1950

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

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7-24-89SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER CNDI C-113~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

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The following article, which appeared on Page 2, Column 1, of the February 24, 1950, issue of the Narodni Glasnik, Communist line Croatian newspaper, published at 1916 East St., Pittsburgh, Pa., is furnished for your information.

FOR WHAT ENDS WILL SPY CVETIC BE USED?
Editorial

"For what purposes is reaction using stoolpigeons is attested by spy MATT CVETIC's case who was last week unmasked as a Judas among progressives in Western Pennsylvania. He told the Un-American Committee that HENRY A. WALLACE, candidate for president on the Progressive Party ticket in 1948 elections, has conferred with him on the potential number of votes he could expect from American Slavs in this area. Regarding this the members of the Un-American Committee posed a question for him:

"Did WALLACE and BALDWIN (secretary of the Progressive Party) know you were a Communist?"

"CVETIC replied:

"I suppose they did. They both are intelligent people."

"We bring this in order to shed light on the attempt of reaction with the help of a spy to sling mud on the Progressive Party on eve of its national convention in Chicago. CVETIC's hearing took place particularly for the purpose of raising hue and cry at a time when the people are disillusioned with both the pro-war parties of big capital. The answers and questions were in advance well thought out.

"It was all like a well-rehearsed play. Every actor knew his part.

"The same took place in summer 1948, only several days before the national convention of the Progressive Party in Philadelphia, when the Communist Party leaders were arrested and when the press

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screamed how the 'leading' Communists were arrested at the convention itself which was to nominate WALLACE as its presidential candidate.

"The FBI with its informers is playing a sordid political part even if its chief EDGAR HOOVER denies having anything to do with politics. Even the blind can see better than that.

"Reaction came out with CVETIC at a time when the miners are conducting one of the most stubborn struggles in the history of American Labor, when the people clamor ever more loudly for an end to war hysteria and an agreement for the realization of world peace, when the people at home are rising against the imperialist policy of Wall Street which the Truman administration with the cooperation of the Republican reaction is carrying out.

"Hysteria has spent itself. The people recognize deception. Hence it was necessary to pour some oil on the flame to keep it going. That was done with stoolpigeon CVETIC here in Western Pennsylvania. He is to play a role of a second BUDENZ. He will be used for the purpose of confusing and splitting the people. It's the old story of every reaction: divide and rule.

"Exploiters and warmongers cannot work in the open. They know the people would soon see through them. For that reason they need spies to perform the work of disruption among the people, to deflect their attention from hot problems dangling a bogey before their eyes, to break the resistance of the people's enemies.

"Every thief, to cover up his tracks, will begin to scream: 'Stop thief.' Thus even our domestic reaction with the help of these despicable creatures wants to divert the people from the struggle for their rights, for higher wages, against high cost of living, for peace -- and against war.

"This intrigue of reaction and its stoolpigeon CVETIC will not succeed. The American Slavs were for HENRY WALLACE and the Progressive Party for the reason that it represented the wishes of the people for peace and prosperity. They will continue to follow it as long as it represents the wishes of the people for peace, prosperity, and democracy. No spies and no obstacles of reaction will deflect them from that path. They know their rights and their duties."

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

This office is in receipt of the following letter dated 6/12/50.
The letter was addressed to SA [redacted] of this office and signed
by CVETIC under his former cover name, "BOB LEE."

"Attention: [redacted]"

June 12, 1950

"Sometime ago you asked me some questions about
ROY HUDSON. I spoke to a person several days ago whose
integrity is beyond question and he told me the following:

"[redacted] while in Pittsburgh, visited a
prominent Catholic Clergyman here on the sly and discussed
some personal matters with him.

"My source of information also revealed that
ROY HUDSON while in Pittsburgh for sometime was reading up
on Catholic Trade Unionism.

"If you are interested, I will be very glad to
supply the name of the Clergyman, who I feel sure will be
very co-operative.

Bob Lee"

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, this office contemplates
taking no action in response to the above letter.

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The following article, which appeared on Page 1, Column 5, of the March 9, 1950, issue of the Ludove Noviny, Communist line Slovak newspaper, published at 1916 East St., Pittsburgh, Pa., is furnished for your information. This article was translated by

*WHAT DOES CVETIC'S FORMER WIFE SAY ABOUT HIM

"A hard working young woman, mother of two boys who became ill as a result of the spy campaign carried on against the progressive movement by her ex-husband, the anti-labor FBI spy, poured out her heart to the representatives of the Slav Congress and stated:

"Why make a hero out of such an underhanded bad snake as MRS. MATTHEW CVETIC?"

"MARIA D. CVETIC who was divorced from the FBI spy 5 years ago was visited by two Slovak Workers in her home in Shaler Township near Pittsburgh.

"May we come in?" they asked Mrs. CVETIC.

"If you came here to talk about CVETIC I do not want to see you," she answered. "That fellow and I have nothing in common. Please do not call me Mrs. CVETIC. I am no longer Mrs. CVETIC. I do not want that name. I am called Mrs. BARSH."

"The workers told her that they were not CVETIC's friends.

"If you are not his friends you may come in," she said. She started to talk about the fellow who sneaked into the Slav Congress, into the CIO Steel City Industrial Union Council, Public Employees Union(CIO), Progressive Party, Communist Party and various other Slovak organizations in order to spy and inform his bosses.

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"'All the years that I knew this man caused me only grief and unhappiness,' she stated with a gleam of hatred in her eyes. 'I was so glad that he was gone, that I did not see him and now he is back again as a big hero.'

"'In my estimation he is no hero. He tried to ruin my life and the lives of my sons and relatives and now he is smearing a whole group of people and is trying to ruin them.'

Mrs. BARSH CVETIC explained how CVETIC on the night of February 18, 1939 assaulted her sister ANNA BARSH who is now a teacher.

"My sister was visiting us and she stayed for the night,' she said. 'I was asleep. Suddenly I heard an awful racket. CVETIC was beating my sister. When he saw what was coming that yellow coward ran away.'

"My sister was in the Saint Frances Hospital in Pittsburgh for several weeks. That coward broke her wrist. He also injured her in other ways.'

"She was not able to go to school for several weeks.

"From the reports of the Criminal Court for the Allegheny District we find that CVETIC 'Assaulted the plaintiff unlawfully and maliciously and with force and violence did beat, abuse and wound affiant by throwing himself on her shoulders and violently throwing her to the floor and thereby then and there did unlawfully and maliciously inflict upon affiant grievous bodily harm, fracturing the wrist of her hand.'

"Inasmuch as CVETIC at that time was ANNE's brother-in-law the matter was settled by the Court ordering CVETIC to pay ANNE BARSH almost \$400.00 in damages.

"Mrs. BARSH CVETIC is a music teacher and until recently was the organist at the Saint Ambrose Catholic Church in Spring Hill on the North Side of Pittsburgh.

"'As soon as this dirt appeared in the papers about CVETIC, that he is a spy for the FBI, the people started to avoid me. They were afraid that I was also like him. Some people don't want to send their children for piano lessons. People who know me are frightened by these awful news items about him and about me and my children.'

"She is the mother of 18 year old twins. MATTHEW is studying music at the Duquesne University and RICHARD is a musician in the Navy.

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"Son cannot stand it.

"She said that the students point her son out, that they laugh at him and aggravate him. 'My son is very unhappy that such items appear in the papers about his father, that he was a spy for the FBI against the workers. I am afraid that he will be ill so I told him not to go to school anymore. He cannot stand it any longer.'

"Mrs. BARSH CVETIC asked the Slovak workers several times why the big capitalist newspapers do not publish what she told them about CVETIC.

"'I told them everything,' she complained. 'They took about 8 pages of notes in my home. But what did they put in the papers? About 2 or 3 lines. Why are they building up this deceiver? This scape - grace who never took care of his family. They are trying to make a great patriot out of him.'

"EDWIN F. BRENNAN, reporter for the Post Gazette on February 21st published the following words out of the material that Mrs. BARSH CVETIC gave him: 'It is possible that he was good spy for the FBI but as a husband he did not amount to much.'

"'MATEJ CVETIC - patriot,' she said in a voice full of hatred and contempt. 'He is no American patriot. He is only a plain deceiver. CVETIC is no man he is only a yellow coward.' Just As He Tried To Get A House That Did Not Belong To Him.

"She told about how he tried to get the house that they built with help from her parents. 'I finally got it in the following manner: When I threatened that I would not only sue him for divorce but that I would also sue his girl friend he became frightened and said that I must not do that, because she was the daughter of a well known businessman from Brookline (a part of Pittsburgh) and that it would harm him a great deal. He was so frightened that he signed the house over to me.'

"Mrs. BARSH CVETIC repeated several times that she was becoming very nervous and ill because of the writings in the reactionary press.

"The newspapers stated that he sends me \$75.00 every month for the support of my children,' she remarked. 'That is a lie. He sent me money once and after that he didn't send anything for months. If I had not played the organ in church I would have died of hunger.'

"CVETIC says that he loves his boys. That is another lie. All these years he has not paid any attention to them. He did not even know that they were alive. The American Post Offices are open 24 hours a day but he never even sent the children a post card. As soon as they were 18 years old he stopped sending even the small amounts which he did send, and he never gave them anything. Now that he no longer has to give them money he has decided that he loves his sons. That deceiving yellow liar!"

"CVETIC a hero?' she asked sarcastically.

"No indeed, he isn't even a man. I cannot see how the FBI could have employed such a yellow coward.'

"He was discovered and therefore he had to talk.

"Mrs. BARSH CVETIC stated that the only reason why he went to the newspapers and revealed himself as a spy for the FBI was because the progressive circles had found out who he was. 'He was to have been exposed and so he hurried and told the newspapers that he was an FBI agent in order to insure a good place for himself before he was thrown out and in this way it was easy for him to make himself out as a hero.'"

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Matthew Cvetic

Rebulet, May 9, 1950, regarding testimony of captioned individual before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, on February 21, 22, 23, and March 13, 14, 24, 1950.

It is noted that the testimony given by CVETIC on February 21-23, 1950 (Pages 1195-1274 of enclosed pamphlet) has been previously reviewed by this office and a detailed memorandum regarding discrepancies contained therein was submitted to the Bureau as an enclosure with Pittsburgh letter dated March 13, 1950, captioned as above.

The discrepancies in CVETIC'S testimony appearing on pages 1236, 1256, 1259, and 1269, of the enclosed pamphlet were commented upon in the above memorandum submitted to the Bureau on March 13, 1950. The files of this office have again been reviewed with regard to this testimony and comments concerning same are as follows:

Page 1236, Paragraphs 3 to 8

"Mr. Walter: Where were the records destroyed?"

Mr. Cvetic: My own records I turned over to the FBI. In the Communist Party office I presume some were burned, but I had no part in destroying these records or anything.

Mr. Walter: You didn't witness their destruction?

Mr. Cvetic: I did not.

Mr. Travenner: You stated you turned your records over to the

Mr. Cvetic: Yes."

ENCLOSURE BEHIND FILE

In the event CVETIC is referring to his own CP membership cards for 1947 and 1948, his statement is correct since these cards are on file in this office. In the event CVETIC is referring to the records of the Lawrenceville Club, of which he was Chairman, he has reported that he did not have access to such records and that same were kept by LOUIS FILETICH, Lawrenceville Club Secretary. It is noted, however, that CVETIC did keep this office advised concerning the membership of the Lawrenceville Club in typewritten reports submitted by him.

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Page 1256, Paragraphs 8 to 13

"Mr. Cvetic: And still on another occasion, in referring to help for China--and here I am talking about help from the United States, we were discussing help for the new people's government in China--Steve Nelson made the following statement to me: 'We should take all the help in money, machinery, and material from the enemy'--and here again 'enemy' refers to the United States--'as this will hasten the day here.' When he refers to help he is talking about help for the new people's government in China.

He further said, 'We should take all the help we can from the suckers over here.'

Mr. Case: What was the date of that statement?

Mr. Cvetic: The date and the statement are in the files of the FBI. I did not keep copies of my reports to the FBI, but I did keep notations. This was when the victory in China was becoming apparent, and they started to build a drive here to get help from the United States for machinery and material.

Mr. Case: In other words, it was within the past year?

Mr. Cvetic: It was within the past year. His statement is in my reports in the FBI files."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this statement attributed to STEVE NELSON.

It is noted that this office has never had any indication that CVETIC kept notations concerning his activities within the CP, as mentioned by him on page 1256, paragraph 11.

Page 1259, Paragraphs 1 through 8.

"Mr. Cvetic: In the summer of 1945 I attended some of the sessions of the national convention of the Communist Party, and subsequent and prior to that national convention I attended many district meetings of the Communist Party, and also Communist Party branch meetings, at which the new Communist Party line adopted at the national convention in 1945 was discussed,

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"The change in the party line at the national convention of the Communist Party in 1945 was adopted as the result of a report made by Jacques Duclos, a leader of the French Communist Party. He issued for the American Communist Party a report which was published, I think, as early as April 1945, in which he sharply criticized the American Communist Party for the line which they were using at that time, and this line was that the progressive sections of capitalism and the forces of socialism should work together.

As I remember, in this particular report, too, Jacques Duclos said that the comrades in Europe were very much disturbed at the attitude of the American Communist Party members; and he said they expected more help over there, and that the American Communist Party's line at that time was causing a lot of feeling in Europe among the Communists; that they felt we were not helping at all.

At the national convention where this report was used as a guide, the teachings of Earl Browder, who taught that communism and capitalism can cooperate over a long period of time and that eventually there could be a peaceful transition to socialism, were thrown out and were replaced once again by the teachings of Marx, Lenin, Stalin, and Engels. In the words of the speakers at the national convention and later at district and branch meetings of the Communist Party:

We must again become the party of the working class, the party of struggle. We must educate the workers to their correct role in this struggle and establish in the United States a dictatorship of the proletariat.

I want to add here that I attended the national convention, and there were many questions raised as to why Earl Browder was ousted from the Communist Party. Whether he was just what we call in the United States a 'fall' guy in the change in party line, I don't know, but it was my definite impression from what I heard and observed that he was ousted because he advocated a peaceful transition to socialism. And this report of Jacques Duclos required a change of personalities, and after the convention of 1945 the Communist Party line was to go back to the teachings of Marx and Lenin,

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which advocates the violent overthrow of existing governments.

"Mr. Case: This quotation, is taken from an official document?

Mr. Cvetic: It is taken from the party line. I turned over the official report to the FBI."

CVETIC'S report of July 31, 1945 which set out his observations regarding the 1945 CP convention held at New York, New York, on July 26-28, 1945, contained no reference to the above "official document" or "official report." It is submitted that CVETIC'S testimony on this point is extremely vague.

It is noted that the above report of CVETIC does set out that "A proposal to reconstitute the Communist Party was unanimously adopted Saturday night. The Communist Party will be reconstituted as the party of the working class."

It is further noted that in a report dated July 15, 1945 CVETIC advised that a district convention of the CPA, Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia District, was held at the Knights of Pythias Hall, 708 Arch Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on that date, and that a resolution was adopted, "1--That the Communist Party be reconstituted and that we again become the Marxist Party of the working class."

It would appear that the "official report" mentioned by CVETIC refers to the above excerpts from CVETIC'S own reports of July 31, 1945 or July 15, 1945.

Page 1269, Paragraphs 6 and 7.

"Mr. Tavenner: What is the title of this bulletin?

Mr. Cvetic: All I know is that it is the official document of the Cominform. I have submitted copies to the FBI. The document the Congressman is looking at seems to be one of them."

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No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which mentions the official document of the Cominform and no information regarding this organ as furnished by CVETIC can be located in the files of this office. It is noted that [] of known reliability, has made this organ available, on occasion, and the Bureau has been advised of same.

The discrepancies noted in CVETIC'S testimony of March 13, 14, and 24, 1950, are set out in a separate memorandum which is attached hereto.

With regard to CVETIC'S testimony on page 1271 concerning 80 pounds of records of the Civil Rights Congress, American Slav Congress, and Progressive Party, which were maintained at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., and which were made available to the House Committee on Un-American Activities by CVETIC, it is noted that this material was secured by CVETIC subsequent to January 23, 1950, the date on which he was last contacted officially by this office. It is further noted that CVETIC voluntarily telephoned this office on February 1, 1950, at which time he said that he intended to secure the above records and that he would voluntarily make same available to this office in the near future. It is pointed out that the Bureau had instructed this office not to initiate any further contact with CVETIC after January 23, 1950, and that he did not voluntarily recontact this office after February 1, 1950.

It is noted that CVETIC'S testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities regarding records of the CRC, ASC, and Progressive Party, was chiefly concerned with the names of CP members contained therein. All of the individuals named by CVETIC are, of course, known to this office although, as stated in the attached memorandum, some of his comments concerning these individuals--specifically ESTHER BLISS, LOUISE BENJOIES, STANLEY LONEY, VOJISLAV GACHINOVICH, VICTOR SHARENKOFF, ERIC WALTER HUBSCHER, and SAM MILGROM--cannot be substantiated from reports submitted by him.

It is also pointed out that in many instances it has been most difficult to identify many of the exhibits mentioned by CVETIC and his interrogator since their references thereto are vague and ambiguous both as to substance and date. It would appear that many of the exhibits are of little importance or pertinence except for their value in recalling names of CP members to CVETIC'S mind.

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The above records as maintained at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., have been examined by agents of this office, on occasion, and it is believed that all pertinent information contained therein, with the possible exception of a list of delegates to the 1946 American Slav Congress National Convention, as mentioned in attached memorandum, is contained in the files of this office. Such information has been furnished by CVETIC or other informants of this office although it is noted that the information has not always been in the identical form in which it was presented before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

It is the observation of this office that in many instances where CVETIC became confused in his testimony, he evaded further interrogation by stating that he could not recall full particulars but that he had furnished same to the FBI. It is noted that in most of these cases such information cannot be found in the files of this office and that CVETIC is mistaken in his belief that same was made available to this office.

As stated in my letter of March 13, 1950, CVETIC'S testimony when considered on a broad basis and in its entirety, is fairly accurate but in many instances it is couched in half truths and contains minor and major mis-statements when compared with reports submitted by him.

The pamphlet containing CVETIC'S testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities which was furnished as an enclosure with rebulet is returned to the Bureau herewith. b6
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→ This is Part I of Cvetic's testimony
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- 2 Additional Enclosures added 1-3-56 (Total now 5 Enclosures)
1. Photostat of *Expose of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania Part II*
 2. *Expose of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania Part III*

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Testimony of MATTHEW CVETIC before
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The following discrepancies have been found in CVETIC's testimony
on the above dates after comparison with reports submitted by him to this
office:

1. Re testimony - Page 1279, Paragraph 11.

Mr. Cvetic: I attended meetings of the Labor Youth
League

According to reports submitted to this office by CVETIC he attended
one of the meetings of the Labor Youth League, the Founding Conference of the Labor
League of Western Pennsylvania which was held in the Fort Pitt Hotel
Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 17, 1949, and reported by CVETIC on the same date.

2. Re testimony - Page 1290, Paragraph 10.

Mr. Cvetic: ESTHER BLISS is a member of the Labor Youth
League

No reports submitted by CVETIC or any other informants can be locat-
ed which set out that ESTHER BLISS is a member of the Labor Youth League. It
is noted, however, that CVETIC has reported her to be a member of the Communist
Party.

3. Re testimony - Page 1291, Paragraphs 5 and 6.

Mr. Tavenner: Approximately when and under what circumstances was
the Civil Rights Congress formed in Pittsburgh?

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"Mr. Cvetic: The Civil Rights Congress of Pittsburgh was formed about five years ago in the office of Hy Schlossinger....."

The first reports received by this office from CVETIC regarding meetings held to organize a Civil Rights Congress in Pittsburgh were dated July 21, 1947 and August 4, 1947, and referred to meetings of the CRC Organizational Committee which were held on those dates in the law offices of HYMAN SCHLOSSINGER, Park Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

4. Re testimony - Page 1291, Paragraphs 17 and 18.

"Mr. Tavenner: How many people attended this meeting of May 27, 1948, as nearly as you can recall?"

"Mr. Cvetic: About 200."

By report dated May 27, 1948 CVETIC advised that seven to eight hundred people had attended an "Open hearing on Civil Rights" which was held on that date at Wesley Center A.M.E. Zion Church, 2701 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

By report dated May 28, 1948 [redacted] of known reliability, advised that approximately 700 people had attended the above meeting.

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5. Re testimony - Page 1293, Paragraph 13.

"Mr. Cvetic (naming CP members) Louise Benjamin (.....) she is a Communist Party member sent to Pittsburgh to work in the Progressive Party during the Wallace campaign....."

No report submitted by CVETIC or any other informant of this office can be located which definitely identifies BENJAMIN as a CP member. It is noted, however, that CVETIC has reported her as being an associate of CP members.

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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There are enclosed two photostatic copies of an article captioned "CVETIC BRANDS ADLER AND DRAPER AS 'COMMUNIST ENTERTAINERS,'" which appeared at Page 6, Columns 1-4, of the "Pittsburgh Press" dated 5/18/50.

For the Bureau's information, it is noted that no reports submitted by CVETIC can be located which contain any data regarding PAUL DRAPER or LARRY ADLER. The Bureau is also referred to Paragraph 2, Column 3 of the enclosed article. By report dated 11/12/47, CVETIC advised of a meeting held by HENRY A. WALLACE and C. D. BALDWIN with GEORGE WUCHINICH and CVETIC in WALLACE's suite at the Hotel Schenley, Pittsburgh, Pa., on the morning of 11/11/47, and following WALLACE's speech at Pittsburgh on the evening of 11/10/47. This report contains the only known meeting between CVETIC and WALLACE and it does not quote WALLACE as stating he would "take support from anyone--Democrats, Republicans, Socialists or Communists."

Further reference is made to Paragraphs 5-7, Column 3, of the enclosed article. No report can be located in which it is set out that he was under orders to get Communists jobs on the Manhattan atomic bomb project during the period that he was employed by the U. S. Employment Service at Pittsburgh.

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[redacted] former [redacted] of this office, has advised that CVETIC recently informed him that he had been offered various state and city jobs paying salaries of approximately \$10,000 per year but that he had refused to accept said positions. [redacted] is of the opinion that CVETIC is planning to write a story of his work at a later date.

[redacted] also related that Attorney HARRY ALAN SHERMAN of Pittsburgh, Pa. had told him that one of CVETIC's sons had asked SHERMAN to attempt to stop his father from drinking so heavily. According to information given [redacted] by SHERMAN, CVETIC is drinking heavily and entertaining women in his hotel room in the presence of his young son. [redacted] continued that CVETIC is presently associating with a married woman who has three children.

[redacted] further stated that he had recently suggested to various individuals [redacted] a speaker that they might also attempt to obtain the services of CVETIC, but that he had gained the impression that most of these individuals do not seem to desire CVETIC as a speaker. In this connection, [redacted] to speak before a group at the Peabody High School, Pittsburgh, Pa., by Dr. EARL DIMMICK, Pittsburgh Superintendent of Schools and that he had suggested to Dr. DIMMICK that CVETIC might also be secured as a speaker. Dr. DIMMICK, however, did not appear to be inclined to invite CVETIC.

[redacted] concluded that to the best of his knowledge CVETIC is presently occupying Room 1117 at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The above is submitted for the Bureau's information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 26, 1950

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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Gandy	_____

Reference is made to the conversation had with you by Mr. McGuire at 9:40 A.M. on June 22, at which time Mr. McGuire advised that a Scripps-Howard newspaper contact had stated that the HCUA anticipated holding an Executive meeting at 10:30 A.M. on that date for the purpose of hearing Matthew Cvetic. According to Mr. McGuire's contact, the possibility existed that this scheduled Executive meeting might develop into an open session, in which case you indicated that the Bureau should arrange to have the meeting covered.

You were further informed by Mr. McGuire that Cvetic would allege that the following individuals are Communists. The names are phonetic:

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[Redacted] - Bureau of Mines
[Redacted] - Bureau of Mines

[Redacted]

At 9:42 A.M., in the absence of ASAC Fletcher, Supervisor Fred Hall of the WFO was furnished with the substance of the above information and requested to arrange to cover the meeting of the HCUA in the event it was an open session.

The possibility of any of the above individuals being confidential national defense informants also was discussed with Messrs. Baumgardner and Donohue. After checking his files, Supervisor Donohue advised that none of these persons were listed as confidential informants in the Pittsburgh area. Mr. Donohue pointed out that confidential informants are listed by field offices and in order to insure that none of the above are confidential informants, it would be necessary to examine the files on all of these individuals. Mr. Donohue pointed out, however, that Cvetic's services as an informant were limited to the Pittsburgh area and it would appear that he would not be in any position to make any comments regarding the Communist activities of persons outside that region.

At 11:10 A.M. Supervisor Hall of the WFO called and advised that Mr. Lou Russell of the HCUA had been discreetly contacted and stated

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that the particular hearing was to be in Executive session. Russell stated that he understood the purpose of the meeting was to permit an unnamed Congressman from Ohio to question Cvetic about some Postal employees or persons to be appointed to the Post Office Department in Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Russell told the WFO that in the event it developed into an open session he would see that they were notified.

Mr. Hall said arrangements were made with Mr. Russell to obtain informally the information furnished by Cvetic at this meeting.

It is noted that [] and [] are Bureau of Mines employees. A check of the Bureau's records fails to indicate that we conducted any loyalty investigation on either of these individuals. Our files do show that we received a loyalty form on one [] who was employed as a heavy laborer at the Naval Supply Depot, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. This form reflected that [] was born December 16, 1902, at York, Pennsylvania. The form was returned to the Navy Department marked "No Disloyal Data FBI Files."

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From the limited information available, we have not been able to identify [] or [] with the individuals of similar names listed in our indices.

ACTION:

Upon the receipt of the information from the HCUA, through the WFO; it will be reviewed to determine definitely the nature of the statements made by Cvetic and, particularly, to ascertain whether they are such as to warrant investigative attention, especially under the Loyalty Program.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F. B. I.

DATE: June 30, 1950

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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Reference is made to the telephonic instructions to this office from Inspector LEO LAUGHLIN on June 22 last, concerning the testimony of the above person before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on that date.

In accordance with these instructions, the stenographic transcript of this hearing was obtained discreetly through Mr. LOUIS J. RUSSELL of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Two photostatic copies of this transcript are being enclosed for the Bureau.

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CVETIC REVEALED THE NAMES OF TWO EX-GOVERNMENT EMPLOYES ALLEGED TO HAVE ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

WALTER SAID THE LEADS PROVIDED BY CVETIC REGARDING THE TWO PERSONS "WILL BE PURSUED BY THE COMMITTEE."

HE REFUSED TO DISCLOSE THE NAMES OF THE ACCUSED PAIR.

HE SAID CVETIC ALSO GAVE THE COMMITTEE A LIST OF 35 ADDITIONAL PERSONS WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS COMMUNISTS OPERATING IN EASTERN OHIO.

CVETIC RECENTLY SUPPLIED THE COMMITTEE WITH THE NAMES OF MORE THAN 300 COMMUNISTS OPERATING IN THE PITTSBURGH, PA., AREA.

WALTER SAID CVETIC ALSO FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING ACTIVE COMMUNIST FRONTS IN THE OHIO VALLEY.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/5/50

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former CNDI C-113
(Bufile 66-2452)Limited Classification
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Remylet to Bureau 3/22/50 captioned [redacted]
Pages 2 and 3, and mylet to Bureau, 6/23/50, captioned as above, both letters having contained information regarding misconduct on the part of CVETIC since his discontinuance by this Bureau on 1/23/50.

Further reference is made to my letter to the Bureau dated 12/27/49 captioned as above, in which the Bureau was requested to consider the advisability of making a statement to the effect that CVETIC had furnished information to this office in the past.

At 3:55 PM on 7/3/50, [redacted] Dutch Henry's Restaurant, 324 Diamond St., Pittsburgh, Pa., telephonically advised that MATT CVETIC had then been in his restaurant for about thirty minutes; that CVETIC was accompanied by two female tramps and that all three showed obvious signs of having been drinking for several hours. While in the restaurant, CVETIC had become involved in an argument with [redacted] a bus boy, and during the course of the argument, CVETIC accused [redacted] of being a Communist. [redacted] reportedly walked away from CVETIC during the course of the argument. Thereafter CVETIC called the Pittsburgh Police Department and claimed that [redacted] had threatened him and that he (CVETIC) needed police protection. After the arrival of the Pittsburgh Police, [redacted] prevailed upon the officers not to arrest [redacted] in view of the fact that CVETIC was intoxicated.

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It is noted that [redacted] telephonically contacted this office four times during the course of the above incident and that he stated that he understood this office had no connection with CVETIC and that it would take no action in the matter but that it was his opinion that CVETIC is "fighting shadows," is nasty, that most people think CVETIC is an FBI agent, but that he has proved by his behavior that he is a "bum."

It is also noted that during the course of the above incident this office was telephonically contacted by the Pittsburgh Police, who were advised that this office had no comment to make and that the police should take such action as they deemed desirable.

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It is noted that [redacted] is the subject of Bufile 100-343851 and that [redacted] was previously contacted on a confidential

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From: SAC, Pittsburgh
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Former GNDI C-113
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basis by this office during the course of verifying [] employment at Dutch Henry's. This office has no information which would indicate that CVETIC is aware of [] Communistic activities.

In view of the above and previous information furnished regarding CVETIC's misconduct and indiscretion since his discontinuance by this office, the Bureau is again requested to consider the advisability of issuing a public statement to the effect that CVETIC has furnished information to the Pittsburgh Office in the past but that he has had no connection with the FBI since January, 1950, or that he has no connection with the FBI at the present time.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*

DATE: July 5, 1950

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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PURPOSE:

To advise that Pittsburgh and Washington Field Office have been requested to determine whether mentioned by Cvetic as formerly employed by the Bureau of Mines at Pittsburgh, are still employed by the Federal Government.

BACKGROUND:

When testifying before HCUA on June 22, 1950, Matthew Cvetic testified regarding his acquaintanceship with Communist Party members, who at one time were employed by the Bureau of Mines at Pittsburgh. You will recall that a transcript of Cvetic's testimony given in Executive session was obtained by the Washington Field Office on a confidential basis.

ACTION TAKEN:

Letters have been directed to Pittsburgh and Washington Field Office to determine whether are presently employed in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. If employed, appropriate loyalty investigations will, of course, be initiated.

RECOMMENDATION:

There being no further action necessary in the Loyalty Section at this time, it is recommended that the attached transcript of Cvetic's testimony be furnished the Internal Security Section for whatever action is deemed advisable.

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PITTSBURGH PRESS OF JULY TEN, CVETIC WILL APPEAR ON PROGRAM QUOTE

WE, THE PEOPLE, UNQUOTE, FRIDAY, JULY FOURTEEN. FATHER DANIEL

LAWLESS, WHO QUOTE KNEW ALL THE TIME WHAT MATT WAS DOING, UNQUOTE, AND

MRS. AMELIA WAGNER, CVETIC'S SISTER, WILL ALSO APPEAR. IN ADDITION,

ARTICLE STATES WILLIAM B. MOONEY OF WAVERLY, IOWA, QUOTE FORMER FBI

SUPERVISOR FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND NORTHER W. VA., WOULD SAY THAT

HE PUT CVETIC ON THE JOB. UNQUOTE. FOR INFORMATION.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

607 U.S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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ON 7-31-89

CONFIDENTIAL
July 13, 1950

Director, FBI

RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER CNDI

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau one copy of the July 15, 1950 issue of "The Saturday Evening Post" in which CVETIC'S article "I Posed As A Communist For The FBI" appears. It is noted that two other installments will appear in this publication. Unless advised to the contrary, one copy of each installment will be forwarded the Bureau as it appears.

This is also to advise that CVETIC is scheduled to appear on the television program "We, The People", on the National Broadcasting Company - TV network, Friday, July 14, 1950.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt

EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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MATTHEW CUVIC

Former Bureau Informant
Pittsburgh Division

July 13, 1950

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See [redacted]
for [redacted]

In response to the inquiry by the Director as to the identity of former Special Agent William B. Mooney, a permanent brief of Agent Mooney's file is attached.

The Pittsburgh Press of July 10, 1950, reported that Matthew Cuvic, former Confidential National Defense Informant, C-113, would appear on the program, "We the People" on July 14, 1950, and that William B. Mooney will say "that he put Cuvic on the job."

It is noted that Mooney was removed from the Bureau's rolls on December 13, 1946, for accepting \$200 from one [redacted] in return for alleged attempts by Mooney to secure barbed wire for [redacted].

In connection with the statement in the Pittsburgh Press that Mooney will say "that he put Cuvic on the job," it is noted that by letter dated February 22, 1949, the Bureau authorized the Pittsburgh Office to pay Cuvic as an informant, and that Mooney was at that time working in the Milwaukee Office and was not transferred to Pittsburgh until August of 1944.

CG - Mr. Belmont
Personnel File of former SA Mooney

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh
SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

DATE: July 14, 1950

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

On July 13, 1950, [redacted] former [redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and requested that SA [redacted] arrange to see him at his Office, [redacted] Pittsburgh, on the same date.

SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] at which time [redacted] volunteered the following information concerning MATTHEW CVETIC.

[redacted] related that on about March 15, 1950, JAMES MOORE, a reporter for the "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph", a daily newspaper, told him and his wife that on one occasion CVETIC was observed by an unidentified Hotel Detective entering the William Penn Hotel with a woman; that the Hotel Detective later knocked on CVETIC's door and found CVETIC drunk; and that CVETIC had a gun. [redacted] stated CVETIC allegedly told the Hotel Detective that "he was an FBI man" and ordered him out. He stated that the Hotel Detective allegedly called the Pittsburgh Office of the FBI and that someone was sent to the Hotel to clarify the situation. [redacted] stated according to JAMES MOORE this was the reason for CVETIC's dismissal by the FBI.

[redacted] then related that CVETIC approached an unknown girl on many occasions, which girl works near-by the William Penn Hotel for one of the Airlines, on the late afternoon or early morning shift. He stated CVETIC allegedly had asked this girl on many occasions to have drinks with him, but that she refused his offers and that when CVETIC's photograph appeared in the local newspaper following his disclosure, the girl remarked, "So that is the guy".

[redacted] further related that recently he, CVETIC, and Attorney HARRY ALAN SHERMAN, CVETIC's Attorney, had appeared at the hearing of [redacted] a former school teacher (who was suspended for alleged subversive activities), before the Pittsburgh School Board. He stated that following the hearing, Attorney SHERMAN offered to drive him [redacted] home; that enroute, Attorney SHERMAN decided to make a stop at the home of an unknown Union leader on South Atlantic Avenue, Pittsburgh, since he had invited several of the persons present at the hearing to his home. (It is believed that the Union Leader referred to by [redacted] is possibly WILLIAM J. HART, District Director, U.S.A.-CIO, who is a member of the Pittsburgh School Board and who resides in the vicinity of South Atlantic Avenue).

[redacted] stated at the gathering, Attorney SHERMAN, who is "loud-mouthed", said that "the reason CVETIC came out of the FBI was that he had to tell the people

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To: Director, FBI
From: SAC, Pittsburgh
Re: MATTHEW CVETIC

July 14, 1950

about the plans that the Communist Party here had against the American people and about the plans of the Russians for air attack."

[] stated that Attorney SHERMAN said that CVETIC knows everything about the Communist Party here since he was, as you [] know, a lieutenant of STEVE NELSON's.

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[] stated CVETIC is also associating with a married woman by the name of [] who has two children and resides in the Mt. Washington Section of Pittsburgh.

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[] added that CVETIC thinks that he is a "big shot" and is in his glory.

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He stated that Attorney SHERMAN is a "lousy politician" and that when he is in Attorney SHERMAN's company, he constantly criticizes CVETIC's actions and that he believes SHERMAN undoubtedly criticizes him [] when he is in the company of CVETIC.

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[] subsequently telephonically contacted SA [] and stated that it was announced over the radio, presumably on July 11, 1950, that CVETIC's story which appeared in the July 15, 1950, issue of "The Saturday Evening Post", was sold to Twentieth Century Fox for \$75,000. He stated that an individual, whose name he did not disclose, had allegedly made a connection with an Agent, presumably of Twentieth Century Fox, in order to assist Attorney SHERMAN in selling CVETIC's story and that this individual was supposed to have received a commission for his work in this connection, but that he does not expect to receive his commission now.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

FROM : Mr. Jones

SUBJECT: TELEVISION PROGRAM
"WE THE PEOPLE"
JULY 14, 1950
WNBW--Channel 4

DATE: July 17, 1950

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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One of the features of captioned program was an interview with Matt Cvetic who gave his address as the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Cvetic said that from 1941 to 1950 he had been "part of the Communist plot against America" and "in touch" with atomic spies for the Communists as an under cover operator for the FBI. He said that he had turned over to the FBI the names of 1,000 secret and dangerous Communists, 20,000 pages of reports, and 30,000 pieces of vital evidence. He said that during the latter part of his service in the Communist party he had been Chairman of the Finance Committee for western Pennsylvania. After Cvetic, a man identifying himself as "William Mooney" and describing himself as "FBI contact for Cvetic" appeared and began a narrative of Cvetic's original contact with the FBI. This narrative was then taken over by actors portraying Cvetic and a purported FBI Agent. (It is noted that Supervisor J. D. Donohue of the Security Division advises that [redacted] of the Pittsburgh Office was actually a contact of Cvetic during Cvetic's service to the FBI and the Movement Section advises that [redacted] is still assigned to the Pittsburgh Division. It is further noted that the name William Mooney rather than [redacted] was used on the television program and that [redacted] of the Crime Records Section who heard the program on radio thought that the pseudonym used for the FBI contact was "William Moody.")

The action supposedly being described by "Mooney" began with the statement that Cvetic had ^{applied} for a position with Army Intelligence and had been turned down but "the FBI liked his application form." A scene then showed an actor representing Cvetic being interviewed by a supposed FBI Agent who was depicted as a comparatively old man wearing glasses, who warns Cvetic that if the Communists found out about him they would kill him, and expressing confidence in Cvetic because the FBI had previously "checked" on him.

The next scene showed a purported neighbor of Cvetic's family who said that Matt "broke his family's heart." She said that Matt's mother could not understand his joining the Communists and asked him to change his name so the family would not be disgraced.

The next scene depicted the pastor of a Pittsburgh church who supposedly let Cvetic visit the church "through the side door" in order that he might pray with him.

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Memo from Jones to Nichols

July 17, 1950

The episode closed with Cvetic saying that he had had to bluff his way out of suspicion the whole time he had been in the Communist party, that the episode was not over for him because he still received threats, and that he would probably suffer for those 9 years, but that he considered himself lucky "That a little guy like Matt Cvetic could do so much for his country."

ACTION: It does not appear that there is any desirable action which can be taken with regard to the manner in which Cvetic's story was presented and this memorandum is being submitted for information purposes only.

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SAC, Pittsburgh

July 21, 1950

Director, FBI

EX-42

MATTHEW CVETIC

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With reference to your letters of July 5 and 14, 1950, you are advised that upon the next occasion the Pittsburgh Office receives any inquiries from the press or anyone else your office is authorized to state that Cvetic has no connection in any way whatsoever with the FBI at the present time and has had no connections with the FBI since January, 1950.

Should the question arise as to what his connections were prior to January, 1950, and you be pressed on the point, it will be permissible to observe that Cvetic, according to his own statements, served as a confidential informant and furnished information to the Bureau in that capacity; however, he was not considered as an FBI Agent.

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TO : Mr. Tolson
 FROM : L. B. Nichols
 SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

DATE: July 19, 1950

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When Cvetic first appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities we refused all comment regarding his claims of a former FBI connection and have done so until the present; however, it appears that he has now taken to drink.

On July 3, we learned that he created a scene in a Pittsburgh restaurant and the manager of the restaurant, when he called our office, stated that most people think Cvetic is an FBI Agent but by his behavior he has proved himself to be a bum.

On July 13, we learned that last March he told a house detective he was an FBI man on an occasion when he took a woman to the William Penn Hotel. He had a story in the Saturday Evening Post on July 15, and word from Pittsburgh now is that Fox has bought the story for \$75,000.

The Pittsburgh Office feels that the next time they receive inquiries from the press or anyone else they should state that Cvetic has no connection in any way, shape or form with the FBI at the present time and has not had since last January.

I think that in view of these developments we should take this course of action. Mr. Ladd concurs.

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UNITED STATES

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 19, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CRETIC
FORMER CNDI*Matthew Cretic*

Remylet dated July 13, 1950.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 22, 1950. This issue contains the second installment of CRETIC'S article "I posed as a Communist for the FBI". The final installment is scheduled to appear in the July 29, 1950 issue.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: July 20, 1950

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ARTICLES BY FORMER INFORMANT MATTHEW CVETIC
IN THE "SATURDAY EVENING POST" OF JULY 15 and 22, 1950

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PURPOSE

To summarize the first two of a series of three articles by Cvetic in the "Saturday Evening Post" which were written by him in collaboration with a "Post" ghost writer, Pete Martin.

DETAILS

Article No. 1

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The first article by Cvetic sets forth his true capacity as an informant in the Communist Party for the Bureau which may correct some erroneous impressions created by the press in the past six months which has described Cvetic as "an undercover agent of the FBI." The manner in which he has been designated has caused individuals to believe Cvetic was a qualified Bureau agent working in an undercover capacity, which is not true.

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Cvetic sets forth his background in this article and he states that he is glad he is no longer under cover and is now on speaking terms with his brothers and sisters who have looked upon him as a black sheep. It is stated that he wished his mother could have lived to see him cleared, as she died thinking he was a traitor to his country. He also states that his father, who died in May of this year, did become aware of his activities. With regard to the individuals in Cvetic's family who knew of his Bureau connection, it was learned by the Bureau in 1947 that Cvetic had disclosed his relationship to his eldest brother; a former girl friend, one [redacted]; and the latter's parents. At that time and again in January, 1950 when the matter of disclosure was discussed with Cvetic, he emphatically denied revealing his confidential relationship to anyone else. This was not true, however, as he had apparently forgotten he disclosed his identity to additional individuals; namely, an official of the Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation in 1948, and the general manager of the William Penn Hotel on an unknown date.

In Cvetic's first article he mentions the amount of work performed for the Bureau and it is true that he did provide considerable information of interest on Communist matters in the Pittsburgh area and on front activities, particularly in Slavic groups. He was also used to cover meetings of Slavic front organizations at various other cities such as New York and Cleveland.

He discusses his appearance this year before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) which has been covered in a memorandum to you of May 8, 1950.

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It is noted in this article that reference is made to 943 Liberty Street, Pittsburgh, as a location where "the FBI arranged for the Pittsburgh Communists to spy on themselves." He goes on to explain that the Communists did not know the FBI had wired the hall with a recording device. Cvetic does not claim credit for assisting in this operation, but there is innuendo in that regard. As a matter of fact, coverage at this address was provided by another informant, [redacted] when Cvetic testified before the HCUA. When Cvetic was operating for the Bureau he had no knowledge that [redacted] the Bureau.

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Cvetic discusses in this article his close friendship with Steve Nelson and the activity of the Communist Party in attempting to smear him (Cvetic) when it became known he was writing these articles for publication. In several places Cvetic mentions the attempts by the Communist Party to ferret out stool pigeons and how it was difficult for him to retain his position as one without exposing himself. He attempts to show in this article the strain under which he was placed during the time he was an informant of the Bureau, particularly in view of the Party's constant efforts to uncover informants. He mentions his obtaining a hotel room in order to hide himself, as he puts it, in a place where there is constant activity and where his business would not be pried into as it would be if he were living in a private home. This occurred after he and his wife separated. Incidentally, Cvetic was paying \$105 a month rental to the Hotel Penn for his room and he evidently was able to reside there without arousing suspicions of the Party.

He sets forth several incidents where he cooperated with the Bureau on surveillances and in particular the coverage of the American-Slav Convention in Carnegie Music Hall in Pittsburgh. With regard to the latter, he cites as an example of his value an introduction to himself by a former FBI Agent, [redacted] when they were both at a meeting this year of the Westinghouse Local of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers. [redacted] said that Cvetic had helped him in wiring the Music Hall for the above-mentioned convention and pointed out that while he as an Agent was receiving a good salary, Matt Cvetic was doing a job few Special Agents would have cared to do and "was getting peanuts for doing it." [redacted] also is quoted by Cvetic as saying that Cvetic not only had to forego his personal life and lose his identity, but also had to accept risks.

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At another point in the article, Cvetic states that he was one of those the FBI lined up to prove the charges against the eleven Communist leaders and uses that to show the irony in the situation as he was in charge of the committee engaged in raising funds for the defense of the eleven. It is true Cvetic was considered as a possible witness, but it will be recalled that he had furnished no information incorporated in the Brief and when he was interviewed in New York by an Assistant United States Attorney he was not considered for use on the witness stand.

Cvetic sets forth the background of his family and himself in the latter part of the article. He points out certain incidents in his home life which resulted from his activity on subversive matters and which placed him in a bad light with his twin sons and his wife. Cvetic's wife incidentally was granted a divorce from him in January, 1946 on the grounds that he had offered such indignities as to render her condition intolerable and her life burdensome. The action was uncontested by Cvetic who claims his wife was an alcoholic during the entire period of marriage which was unhappy from the outset. With regard to his twin sons, one is now a student at Duquesne University.

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The conclusion of the first article is concerned with Cvetic's approach by the FBI which is not at variance with his testimony before the HCUA and merely sets forth the information that the agents explained to him that because of his position as an interviewer with the United States Employment Service (USES) in Pittsburgh, he could do his country a service by cooperating. This was in April, 1941 and he states that he did begin to cooperate and since he was being paid by the USES he received nothing for the first 22 months he worked for the Bureau and then he was put on the pay roll at \$15 per week plus expenses. He explains how he was paid by stating that his money came from Washington to the Pittsburgh branch of the FBI in the form of vouchers which were cashed and the money delivered to him in person by the agents.

Article No. 2

Cvetic's second installment appeared in the "Saturday Evening Post" of July 22, 1950, and Cvetic begins where he left off in the first article by recounting his early experiences in attempting to become involved in Communist activities to the point where he could be accepted as a comrade. He states he attended Red movies and Party affairs and had to learn the Party line. Cvetic then indicates his progress in a professional branch of the Party and that in 1944 he was assigned to the Nationality Commission for Western Pennsylvania.

In view of his Slavic background he was given assignments in the nationality field and he explained how he began to work for the American-Slav Congress. He goes to some length to explain how the Party took over conventions in which it was interested and the manner in which the Party maneuvered its members into key positions. He further explains how he became acquainted with the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief which ostensibly was to collect money for the relief of starving children in Yugoslavia but instead the comrades were using the proceeds for their advantage.

Cvetic continues in his article by showing how he helped the Communists control the Pittsburgh Civil Rights Congress.

Cvetic discusses the manner in which "phony fronts" are created by the Party by having several comrades sit down and invent a front organization and send out correspondence to a sucker list to have those individuals lend their support. In connection with the building of these fronts, the Party line would be used to advantage based on the particular type of individuals solicited.

The subsidization of the Communist Party is mentioned by Cvetic and, according to him, this was done by front organizations through which advertising space was bought in local foreign language newspapers controlled by Communists.

Various other Party tactics are described by Cvetic, such as smearing individuals who are unfriendly to the Party, and also the manner in which the Party conveniently disguises its activity by changing its name. As an example of this, he cites the Young Communist League which became the American Youth for Democracy and now is the Labor Youth League.

Cvetic's difficulties with his superior in the USES, who finally fired him for his Communist activities, are described and Cvetic also states that at the time he lost his job with the USES he was receiving \$55 a week from the FBI and obtained a job with the Yugoslav Relief Committee, bringing him a total of \$120 a week. This occurred in 1945 and our records show Cvetic was then receiving \$50 a week plus expenses.

Cvetic concludes the second article by showing how he was requested by Roy Hudson to obtain information from the files of the USES before he lost his job at that place, but also points out that he told the Pittsburgh FBI Office and the information he subsequently furnished to Hudson was first thoroughly screened by the FBI.

The concluding article is scheduled to appear in the "Saturday Evening Post" for July 29, 1950.

CONCLUSIONS

In these first two articles of a series of three by Cvetic, there are no references to the FBI which can be called derogatory and, in fact, the articles place the Bureau in a good light by the manner in which it utilized the services of its informant Cvetic. Of course, Cvetic, true to his personality, tries to create for himself as much sympathy as possible by his assuming the task of an informant at a low rate of pay. It is true that when Cvetic began furnishing information he did not receive much compensation, but when he was discontinued he was being provided \$85 a week. He did not suffer too much inconvenience as he lived very well at the Hotel Penn, paying \$105 a month for one room and bath.

His separation from his wife and twin sons was not due to his activity as an informant as he himself stated he and his wife did not get along from the time they were married.

The remaining article of this series which is due for publication on July 29, 1950 will be reviewed and a summary set forth for your information.

SAC, Pittsburgh

July 21, 1950

Director, FBI

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MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER C-113

There is attached a photostatic copy of the testimony of Cvetic before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on June 22, 1950. This testimony was reviewed at the Bureau and it was determined no additional confidential informants of your office were exposed.

You are requested to review this recent testimony of Cvetic and advise whether your office had the benefit of the information contained therein and also whether any of his testimony is at variance with his activity as known to your office and which was on your behalf. You should also check the testimony for the names of any informants, contacts, or sources of information of your office.

The enclosure may be retained by your office if you so desire as an additional photostatic copy is in the possession of the Bureau.

The results of your action in this matter should be made known to the Bureau as soon as possible.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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On 7/21/50, [redacted] former [redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and requested that SA [redacted] arrange to see him at his office, [redacted] Pittsburgh, on the same date.

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[redacted] stated that the married woman from Mount Washington, Pittsburgh, with whom CVETIC is associating is one [redacted] whose exact address is unknown to him.

[redacted] stated concerning the information furnished previously to the effect that CVETIC's story, which is currently appearing in the "Saturday Evening Post," was sold to 20th Century Fox for \$75,000 is not true. He stated that the individual who allegedly made the contact for Attorney HARRY ALAN SHERMAN in order to assist him in the sale of the story was supposed to receive a 2 1/2% commission. [redacted] stated that this individual, whose identity he did not disclose, telephonically contacted Attorney SHERMAN upon his return from New York City on July 14, last, to inquire about his commission, which conversation was overheard by [redacted] stated that Attorney SHERMAN during his conversation allegedly denied that CVETIC's story had been sold to 20th Century Fox and indicated that rumors had been circulated to the effect that the story had been sold, which rumors were unfounded. [redacted] stated that these rumors were probably circulated by CVETIC, who has been spending a considerable amount of time at the Union Grill, Diamond Street, Pittsburgh, and at a bar in the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, and according to [redacted] CVETIC has been doing a "lot of talking."

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[redacted] stated that about four weeks ago, Attorney SHERMAN made a trip from Harrisburg, Pa., to New York City in order to contact the officials of 20th Century Fox concerning the possible sale of CVETIC's story; that upon his return to Pittsburgh, Attorney SHERMAN said according to [redacted] the chances of selling the story were promising. [redacted] stated that he is of the opinion that Attorney SHERMAN probably ran from studio to studio attempting to sell the story and that as a result, the officials of 20th Century Fox became disinterested in the purchase of CVETIC's story.

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[redacted] further related that upon his return from Washington, D. C., in March, 1950, [redacted] he was contacted at his [redacted]

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From: SAC, Pittsburgh
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He stated that Attorney SHERMAN subsequently told him that he planned to sell [redacted] story to "Readers Digest" and not to the "Saturday Evening Post" and that the former magazine was very much interested in [redacted] story.

[redacted] stated that according to his contract, Attorney SHERMAN and [redacted] were each to receive 30% of the income derived from the sale of the story, which contract, [redacted] said, according to Attorney SHERMAN is the same as SHERMAN's contract with CVETIC.

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[redacted] stated in view of the publishing of CVETIC's story in the "Saturday Evening Post" he is convinced now that Attorney SHERMAN and [redacted] never intended to write his ([redacted]) story and, further, that they never even started to write the story.

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[redacted] stated he later personally called the offices of "Readers Digest" in New York City and was informed that they had previously informed [redacted] that they were not interested in his story since they would have to buy it from the "Saturday Evening Post." [redacted] stated that [redacted] however, never told him about the information which he had received from "Readers Digest."

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[redacted] stated that he told Attorney SHERMAN that he would like to have a new contract drawn up to include CVETIC but that Attorney SHERMAN refused this offer by [redacted]. He stated that CVETIC allegedly received \$6,000 from the "Saturday Evening Post" for his story and that Attorney SHERMAN made the connection in order to sell CVETIC's story to the "Saturday Evening Post."

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[redacted] stated that he is not "mad" about the fact that his story was not sold, but believes Attorney SHERMAN should not have made a contract with him in this regard since SHERMAN is CVETIC's attorney. He stated that he believes that Attorney SHERMAN wants to make a lot of money as the result of CVETIC's disclosure.

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[redacted] stated according to Attorney SHERMAN, CVETIC has paid \$100 down on a Cadillac car and that CVETIC, according to SHERMAN, desires a Cadillac since he (SHERMAN) has one.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: CONCLUDING ARTICLE OF A SERIES OF THREE
IN THE SATURDAY EVENING POST BY
FORMER INFORMANT MATTHEW CVETIC

DATE: August 2, 1950

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PURPOSE

To summarize the third and last in a series of articles by Cvetic in the Saturday Evening Post for July 29, 1950.

DETAILSArticle No. 3

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In this article Cvetic explains how he was deposed from his job as secretary of the American Slav Congress by Roy Hudson in favor of George Wuchinich. According to Cvetic it was explained to him that Wuchinich had been a captain in OSS during World War II and the Party believed a veteran in the position would not be as vulnerable to newspaper attacks, etc., as Cvetic who was not in the armed services.

It was necessary then for Cvetic to continue on a voluntary basis and to obtain a cover employment which he did with an old friend in the insurance business. Cvetic did use this cover to good advantage and it was known to the Bureau. He explains in the article how he was able to sell insurance policies to many of the comrades and, in fact, insured Steve Nelson's automobile.

Cvetic then explains how in 1947 he was instructed to use a mail drop in submitting reports instead of furnishing them in person to FBI Agents who would visit him at his hotel. The purpose of this maneuver, according to Cvetic, was to prevent any possibility of the Party's observing Cvetic in company with an agent.

In regard to Party donations, Cvetic mentioned that the leadership at that time had grown so suspicious that if a donation were overgenerous, there was speculation as to where the contributor had acquired such a sum. In Cvetic's favor, however, was the fact that if a Party member suspected another one of being an FBI stool pigeon, the suspicious individual usually asked Cvetic to take the matter up with Steve Nelson who was too busy to see every rank-and-file comrade and in view of Cvetic's closeness to Nelson, the problem was placed before Cvetic in order that Nelson might be advised. This information, according to Cvetic, was passed on by him to the FBI to protect any other undercover men who might be in danger of being discovered.

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At this point in the article, Cvetic discloses a technique used by the Pittsburgh Office which could very well have been omitted if he had a sincere desire to help the Bureau rather than to play up his story for publication. In this regard Cvetic pointed out that in 1945, 1946, and 1947, district meetings were held at the North Side Knights of Pythias Hall and it was difficult for the FBI to cover the meetings at night by taking moving picture film due to the lack of light. He states that the FBI solved the problem by replacing street lights with bulbs of more powerful wattage.

A considerable part of the article from this point on is taken up by Cvetic's explanation of why he quit working for the Bureau. He states that he has been asked many times why he did so and in the article his explanation is that his nerves were beginning to come apart and he was losing weight. He states that he was rapidly becoming no good to either the FBI or to himself.

He goes back to 1945 and explains how he was an alternate delegate to the national convention of the Party in New York City. In New York City he had shared a hotel room with another comrade and for three consecutive nights he pretended to be asleep but was afraid that if he dozed off he would talk in his sleep and give himself away. Similarly on the way home he stated he was afraid to sleep in the car for the same reason.

Cvetic also sets forth as a reason for the termination of his work the fact that some of his experiences were beginning to get under his skin, such as the time when Henry Winston and Steve Nelson utilized police protection to avoid an angry crowd after meeting in Pittsburgh. Cvetic pointed out that Winston and Nelson were smart enough to avoid becoming involved in any trouble but the loyal comrades had to duck pop bottles and were shoved around.

The troubles he had with a girl friend are then mentioned by Cvetic in that her father received an anonymous phone call that Cvetic was a Red. Since this was before the Coplon trial and, according to Cvetic, the public did not know of the FBI confidential workers, he admitted to his girl friend what he was doing. With regard to this disclosure, the Bureau considered at that time discontinuing Cvetic as he not only told the girl, [redacted] but also her parents. Since the disclosure did not effect his Party activity in any way, he was kept on the pay roll. It is then mentioned by Cvetic that he was raised by the FBI to \$85.00 a week which is true but since the above-mentioned girl friend married another man, he became disheartened and irritable.

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Cvetic then explains how he was interviewed as a possible witness in the Party trial but was not used. It was shortly thereafter, according to Cvetic, that he kept at the FBI to release him and he explains how he received three weeks severance pay and informed that he might hear from the immigration authorities about a job. When he had not heard after five weeks, he explains how he went to Judge Blair F. Gunther and Attorney Harry Alan Sherman who headed a group in Pittsburgh called Americans Battle Communism. In a short time he was subpoenaed before the House Committee on Un-American Activities where he was questioned for five days.

Cvetic concludes the article by a general discussion of the manner in which Party officers are elected and the feelings of the comrades in their Beliefs on Communism. He also explains how Pittsburgh is important to the Communist picture in view of its many basic industries. Cvetic also sets forth his opinion as to the origin of the Party line and the activity of the Communists on college campuses. He explains how the Communist Party is not a political party but a conspiratorial group and how he has learned the Communists with whom he worked would indicate by Party line that they would support the Soviet Union in the event of war with the United States.

Cvetic ends up by stating that while there is a fifth column in this country, there is a sixth column made up of the FBI undercover men and there is no reason why the people of the United States should not know that while the Party is active in its organizational work, the FBI is infiltrating the Party.

Cvetic states that in May of this year he was placed on the pay roll of the Immigration and Naturalization Service as an investigator and how he was proud of an item in the Pittsburgh Press which indicated the joy and satisfaction with which one of his twin sons received the testimony of Cvetic before the House Committee and how the son was visibly moved. [REDACTED]

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CONCLUSION

This final article, as the other two, did not mention any personalities other than prominent Communists such as Roy Hudson, Steve Nelson, and G5erge Wuchinich. No agents names were used and all references to the FBI were laudatory, if anything. No action is necessary.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 26, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER CNDI

Remylets 7/13 & 7/19/50.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of "The Saturday Evening Post" of July 29, 1950. This issue contains the concluding installment of CVETIC'S article, "I posed as a Communist for the FBI".

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I POSED AS A COMMUNIST FOR THE FBI

By MATT CVETIC as told to PETE MARTIN

He played his communist role so well he became an out-cast; decent people would have no part of him. He was daily in danger of detection by suspicious comrades — until his story finally exploded and stunned the Reds.

PART THREE

IN June, 1947, my work as an FBI undercover man posing as a communist in Pittsburgh took a new twist. Roy Hudson, a big wheel in the local Politburo, asked me to lunch with him and George Wuchinich, who was an even bigger wheel in the Communist Party of the United States. When I met them for lunch at the Y.M.C.A., Roy told me that if he had been decided that it would be best for me to bow out as secretary of the American Slav Congress and let Wuchinich have my job. He had been a captain in the OSS in World War II, and Hudson explained it this way, "Wuchinich is a veteran. As such, he won't be as vulnerable to newspaper attacks and blasts from the local veterans' organizations as yourself, a man who wasn't in the armed services."

Pittsburgh's press was beginning to throw the hooks into the party and also into those in it; among them, me. So I agreed to step aside. There was no discussion as to how I was to live. The party prides itself upon its total lack of interest in a member's personal problems—for example, how he is going to eat.

Roy asked me if I'd keep on helping the party on a voluntary basis, and I said I would. So from June, 1947, until November, 1948, I faked having a cover job, pretending first to be an employee of Kaufmann's Department Store, and then as a carpenter's helper. But after sixteen months of faking jobs, what with the commies whiffing a strong smell of FBI undercover men in their ranks, things were getting so hot that if a party worker didn't have a job, somebody was likely to ask, "Where does that guy get his dough?" So I went to Edward J. Waldman, Jr., a friend I'd known for twenty years, and asked him for a chance to work as an insurance salesman in his insurance agency. He explained that he didn't think he could take me on because of my communist connections.

I took Waldman to one side and said, "Look, Eddie, I'm not really the commie jerk you think I am. I can't tell you who I'm working for, but if giving me a job embarrasses you, just put it down to doing a service to the Government."

He said, "That's different," and put me to work on a commission basis. I worked hard at this cover job to impress my communist associates. So hard that during my best two months at it I sold 600 automobile and other policies. Eddie Waldman has since told me that of the 100 agents who sold for him throughout Western Pennsylvania, I ranked as his No. 3 agent. I had no car and no office. Because I was living in a hotel under an assumed name, I had no telephone on which prospective clients could call me. I pounded the sidewalks, especially in Pittsburgh's Hill District, so many hours that my legs and ankles swelled. I made it a special point to try to sell policies to my communist friends, and sold them about fifty or sixty. For instance, I insured Steve Nelson's automobile. As any insurance sales-

man does, I had to ask a lot of questions to sell policies, such as: "What's the motor number of your car?" But in addition to the usual information, I worked up an extra questionnaire of my own which included place of birth, whether the applicant was born in the country, and if not, how long he'd been in the United States. I handed the shorter set of answers to the insurance company. The one with the answers to the questions I'd dreamed up, I gave to the FBI.

Things were becoming so tense on the undercover front that the FBI instructed me to use a "drop" instead of bringing my reports to the FBI headquarters or handing them to FBI men who came to my hotel for them. My drop was either a post-office box or an FBI agent doubling in brass as the proprietor of a business establishment.

During this period I was one of those who went to Washington to picket against the Mundt-Nixon Bill, a piece of legislation that was supposed to outlaw the Communist Party as a subversive organization. I carried a sign that read: WE DON'T WANT A POLICE-STATE BILL HERE. Some of the rank-and-file party members got paid for such picketing jobs, but because I was supposed to be a "leader," I wasn't paid. Usually we arranged for a front organization to take care of our picketing expenses, and the party organizers in the United Electrical Workers union diverted some of that union's dues to pick up the tab for our Mundt-Nixon expeditionary force. If we couldn't get a front to grubstake us, we pooled our own money for gas and oil, and used it to pay the party members whose cars took us where we were sent. We leaders were supposed to be "sincere" about the food we ate on such junkets, which is another way of saying we paid for it ourselves.

Two years ago I began to notice a larger influx of Stalinists into Pittsburgh from the Iron Curtain embassies in Washington. Those visitors were concerned with what commie slang calls "specifics." A specific is an assignment given to a member of the Cominform's secret police to check on the loyalty of the top communists, whose job, in turn, is checking on the loyalty of local communists. Those secret policemen came to Pittsburgh, sat in with the Pittsburgh leaders, asked questions about how things were going and poked their noses into corners. If they decided that a party member wasn't seeing Red enough, he was expelled. Even such a big shot in the party as Steve Nelson was subjected to such double-checking.

The party's leadership had grown so jumpy that it was even dangerous to contribute too much money to the communist cause, and if a donation seemed overgenerous, there was speculation as to where the contributor had acquired such a sum. One thing I was happy about was that if anyone in the party suspected another member of being an FBI stool pigeon, he usually asked me to take it up with Steve Nelson. Steve was too important to be bothered by every Tom, Dick and Harry who was seeing FBI agents under his bed,

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For years Cvetic had to meet Government men in secret; now he can walk openly into FBI offices.

I POSED AS A COMMUNIST FOR THE FBI

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but knowing that I was Nelson's Man Friday, they'd tell me, "You take it up with Steve, Matty. Tell him I think that So-and-So is an FBI spy." I took it up, all right, but not only with Nelson. I told the FBI about their suspicions, to protect other undercover men who might be in danger of being discovered.

Until 1947 I'd been able to check in at the Pittsburgh FBI office at night, go to the sixth floor, where I studied files and viewed movies taken of party members attending communist meetings, in an effort to identify them. In 1945, 1946 and 1947, the Pittsburgh communists held their district meetings at the North Side Knights of Pythias Hall. Usually they were held in the daytime, to get the biggest turnout possible.

The FBI covered those meetings like a blanket. Among other things, it took attendance-record movies from strategic points. It wasn't easy to take such films at night, because there was apt to be too little light. But more than once the FBI licked that problem by replacing street lights with bulbs of more powerful wattage. After 1947, however, the commies were so suspicious and jumpy that I had to go to some other city to view those movies.

I've been asked scores of times why I stopped working for the FBI. There's no mystery about it. My nerves were beginning to come apart. I was losing weight. And I was rapidly becoming no good either to the FBI or to myself.

I was an alternate delegate to the national convention of the Communist Party that was held in New York City in July, 1945. The party's name at this time was The Communist Political Association. There I shared a hotel bed with another comrade, and for three straight nights I pretended to be asleep. I was afraid that if I dozed off, I'd talk in my sleep and give myself away. Nor could I sneak a daytime nap: I had to hang around the convention and make notes for my reports to the FBI. The FBI supplied me with paper and I used up a ream of it about every two months. Some days I'd turn in three pages, other days twenty. If I'd attended a communist conference, my report would run as high as twenty-five pages. Only regular delegates were allowed on the convention floor, but as a special favor I was admitted to the last session at New York, the one that elected the party's national officers and nominated Earl Browder. And I sat on a couple of panels, including the youth panel.

Since I'd driven up to New York with my roommate, he expected me to drive back with him. I was afraid to sleep en route home. When I reached my hotel room in Pittsburgh, I barely made it to the bed before I was snoring. I didn't even take my clothes off.

The wry laughs I'd got out of some of my experiences while posing as a communist came further and further apart now, and some of those experiences were beginning to make me sore, which was another warning to me that my undercover work was getting me. I recall a meeting held at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall to listen to Henry Winston talk in defense of the Communist Party leaders on trial in New York. Winston was one of the

eleven. Two hundred communists and communist sympathizers attended, but the picket line of union members and veterans' groups standing outside the building outnumbered those inside. I was on the arrangements committee. That meant, among other things, that I was in charge of the back door, to make sure that none of the anti-party pickets got in. A squad of Pittsburgh policemen who had been assigned to keep order at the Music Hall helped me with this chore.

Instead of running the gantlet of boos and catcalls as the small fry had to do when they came through the front entrance, Winston and Steve Nelson sneaked in through the rear door. Then, five minutes before the meeting broke up, Winston and Nelson came to the rear exit and told me, "We're getting out of here, Matty. You keep on watching." With the police protection, they knew they could get away safely. The front door would have been a different matter. The pickets there were in no loving mood.

When the meeting ended, I said to those inside, "If you leave by the front door there'll be trouble. We'd better use the side doors." Even ducking out that way we were hit by pop bottles, our clothes were fouled by spittle and we were shoved around. Winston and Nelson had been smart enough—or yellow enough—to avoid that.

Among the minor irritations that went with being an undercover man was the constant need to watch my personal habits. I like to wear pressed suits, clean white shirts and a coat, even in summertime. But most of my commie friends went around minus coat and necktie, and with shirts that weren't clean. I kept what I called "my commie uniform" in my hotel closet—it included a shirt with a wrinkled collar and a dirty front—and changed into it "to go to work." I'd saved a few ties that had got soupy, and I wore them askew, turned up my shirt collar and walked down the hotel steps instead of using the elevators, so my cheesy appearance wouldn't attract attention. One day I took my nerve in my hands, stood up in a meeting and said, "Since we're setting ourselves up as the leaders of the people, what's wrong with us looking more like leaders instead of bums?" After that, a few of my communist friends risked being accused of "bourgeois leanings" and began to wear ties and reasonably fresh shirts.

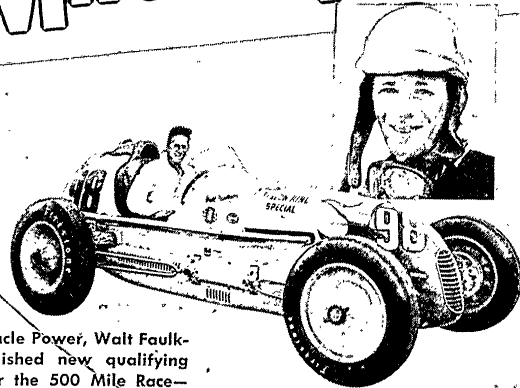
The point I'm making is that, although they had never bothered me before, small things like that, as well as Nelson and Winston taking a powder out of a meeting and leaving the small fry in the grease, were beginning to eat on me. Before I'd gone to work for the FBI, I'd been a happy-go-lucky type. I'd enjoyed taking my twin sons camping, fishing and to the Pirates' ball games. But when they grew up, they began to be ashamed of me. My name was being mentioned in the papers as a communist, and the teachers at their school needed them about me. I didn't blame them. I knew why they felt that way, but I missed the fun we'd had together.

As a party member, my social life was a burlesque of the average person's social life. If I went to a party given by communists, we talked politics instead of partying or dancing. My life with my wife had been a failure. So when we were divorced and I met another girl and we fell in love—boom!—like that, I made up my mind that I wasn't going to have this affair ruined by having her think me a commie. Although I knew

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that she could get me into trouble if she didn't keep her mouth shut, I told her the score on my undercover work. My hunch was a good one. She kept it to herself.

In the afternoons, we'd go walking. I bought her a cocker spaniel and we had fun with it. My job didn't worry me when I was with her. She was my escape. But one day after I'd been dropping in to see her for a while, her father got an anonymous phone call that said, "I think you ought to know that your daughter is running around with one of Stalin's messenger boys." The next time I went to see her, her father told me, "I don't want any commies in my house. Get out and don't come around here again."

My insides were in a stew. I couldn't quit the Communist Party without losing my FBI job, and even if I stopped working for the FBI and left the party, the fact that everybody would think of me as having been a communist would still dog me. That was before the Judith Coplon trial and the trial of the eleven communist leaders in New York, and the public didn't know that there were such things as FBI confidential workers pretending to be commies. I couldn't switch to some other kind of FBI work, for the attitude of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is that once you're an undercover man, you keep on being an undercover man. If you stop, your value to it is zero.

When I found out that the FBI refused to disclose the job I'd been doing, and thereby re-establish me as a loyal citizen, I called my girl and told her the news. She began to cry. When her sobs slowed, she said, "Anything you do is O.K. with me, only don't stop seeing me." After that I saw her anyhow, but I did it on the sly.

Not only had I been divorced, but I'd filled out papers to have my marriage annulled by the church, and I kept telling myself that they'd come through. Looking back at it now, I know I was too optimistic about it. I know now that such things take more time than I had supposed, and that an annulment is a very difficult thing to get. But wishful thinking was guiding my thoughts, and I told her, "I'm going to quit next December, so I can marry you without dragging you through the mud. Then maybe your father won't think I'm such a louse."

I didn't quit in December, for early that fall she had begun to go around with another man, and within four months she married him. I felt as if I were breaking into pieces. When she ditched me, I tore up my copy of my annulment application. It took me a year to get over her, but after a while I understood why she couldn't stand it any longer. Now, when we see each other, we're friends.

Losing her was what made me finally decide to quit my job. I spent the next year cursing my work, cursing my luck, cursing everything. I became irritable, and I hit the FBI for more pay. They raised me to eighty-five dollars a week, but I no longer took pride in my FBI reports. I'd been proud of the fact that none of them had ever been criticized, but in that last year some of my reports were just plain sloppy.

Then, all at once it seemed that my troubles were over. I was told that, since I had attended Communist Party meetings with five of the eleven defendants in the New York trial, I was to be one of several FBI undercover men who would appear as Government witnesses. Testifying in that trial would have meant an automatic release from

my double life for, after that, people would know that I'd never really been a communist.

I worked at preparing my testimony for three weeks. I made a trip to New York to talk to one of the assistant attorney generals who was helping present the Government's case. In addition, a man was sent to Pittsburgh to go over my FBI reports with me and help me select the information that would be most useful. Back in New York, I was taken into the Federal Court House in Foley Square through a back entrance, and I sat in a room adjoining the courtroom all morning and part of the afternoon, going over my testimony, typing out extra notes, in case I needed them; and waiting to be called. I was supposed to be the final Government witness. I was one of those about whom J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was talking in his statement printed in the papers on June ninth this year. He noted that seven of the FBI's confidential party informants had been revealed during the trial, and said, "We had more available if they were necessary." Then, at three o'clock in the afternoon I was told, "You're lucky, Matt. You don't have to go on. They don't need you. They've decided that they've got enough on the defendants to wrap up the trial without you."

I felt as if somebody had kicked me in the belly, for I figured that I'd done my part and that I was overdue to be let off the hook. I went back to Pittsburgh feeling sunk, and from that time on I kept at the FBI to let me out. "Can't you put me on another kind of Government job?" I asked. "Doesn't the Immigration Bureau need somebody?" Finally, I said that I couldn't take it any longer.

They gave me three weeks' severance pay and told me that I might hear from the Immigration authorities about a job. I waited for five weeks, but no word came. I sat in my hotel room as much as I could, but Pittsburgh's commies thought that I was still one of them, and I was afraid not to attend their meetings.

Finally, I went to Judge Blair F. Gunther and to Attorney Harry Alan Sherman, who headed a group in town called Americans Battling Communism. I told them what I'd done for seven years. They arranged to have me subpoenaed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. That committee brought me to Washington and questioned me for five days.

While I was waiting to be called to Washington I worried. Once I was testifying, I figured I'd be safe; for if anything happened to me afterward, such as a "suicide" under mysterious circumstances, even kindergarten kids would know who was behind it. While communists do dumb things, I didn't think they'd be that dokey. But I found that one of the Pittsburgh papers was planning to print a story about me before I took off for Washington. I managed to stop that story, and when the moment came for me to leave town, I downed a couple of quick ones to bolster my nerves and once I was in my roomette on the train, I locked the door, and I kept it locked until I got to Washington.

Earlier in this series I told about some of the evidence I gave the House Committee in Washington, and there's no point in rehashing it. But one part of it was never developed as far as it deserved; the part about the congressional mail frank privilege being used to distribute procommunist literature. The procommunist propaganda I had

in mind was a letter written by a member of the American Slav Congress to The New York Times after the congress was declared subversive. A copy was sent by the writer to a congressman. He had the letter printed in the Congressional Record and delivered 2000 copies of it with franked envelopes to be mailed by the American Slav Congress. I helped mail them myself. The letter urged establishing trade relations with China's new communist-dominated government. The Pittsburgh Press described this use of congressional privileges much better than I can do it. That paper said:

Congressman George G. Sadowski admitted that he let George Wuchinich use his free mailing privilege to send out propaganda branded as procommunist. Mr. Sadowski said that he supplied Wuchinich with thousands of frank envelopes, but declared that he didn't know Wuchinich was a communist. Sadowski didn't mention that he had frequently written for the Slav American, the official magazine of the American Slav Congress. Even after that organization was branded by the U. S. Attorney General as a disloyal communist front, an article under his by-line appeared

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MEDITATION IN A POST OFFICE

By Dorothy Brown Thompson

Why is it, people who look bright,
Whose clothes are smart and
grooming right,
Who wear Phi Beta Kappa keys
And romp through genius tests
with ease,
Who blithely handle large
concerns,
Who cope with income-tax
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Who seem to master life
completely,
Can't learn to wrap a package
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in this magazine. It was entitled: A Warning to America—Greedy Bankers and Cartelists Leading U. S. to Bankruptcy. He charged that these greedy bankers and international cartelists were raiding the U. S. Treasury through the Marshall Plan under the cry of communism.

The same paper also said editorially:

Either Mr. Sadowski isn't being entirely frank about his dealings with the leftists, or he is entirely too innocent to be a member of Congress—and too expensive.

When it was no longer a secret that I'd been an FBI undercover man, I was asked a lot of questions. One of them was: "In your association with party members, did you feel that any considerable portion of them sincerely believed in the cause or were most of them professional conspirators?"

I learned to like some of the commies I worked with, but I kept in the back of my mind the fact that they were part of a conspiracy that it was my job to help stymie. The top fringe of the party are hand-picked conspirators, cynical, hard-boiled, trained in espionage and sabotage work. But a lot of the rank-and-file members are sincere believers because most of them have never understood the real aims of the communist program. They are fed a diet of double-talk and twisted thinking, such as "The defense of the Communist Party is the first line of defense of Democracy in America."

Many of those who've buttonholed me in the past few months have asked me: "What proportion of the membership of the Communist Party in the United States is drawn from the American middle class, what proportion of it comes from the labor groups, and what proportion of it is recruited from the professional group?" I can speak only for Western Pennsylvania, but about 60 to 65 per cent of the party membership there was drawn from the working people. About 20 to 25 per cent came from the white-collar and businessman groups. The professional group—doctors, lawyers, teachers, scientists and the like—made up the remainder. About 15 per cent of the entire party membership are women.

Another question often put to me is: "How are the party's officers elected?" That's easy. They almost always aren't. I've attended hundreds of party meetings, but I've never attended one at which an officer was elected. The way Steve Nelson became an officer of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh was this: In August, 1948, Henry Winston, of the national board of the Communist Party, addressed a meeting of the Communist Party's district committee at the Carnegie Lecture Hall in North Side Pittsburgh. "The national board of the Communist Party recognizes the strategic importance of Pittsburgh," Winston told us. "We are therefore sending one of our best organizers, Steve Nelson, here to make the local organization more effective." That announcement was Nelson's "election." Because it offers many basic industrial targets rolled into one, Pittsburgh is important to the Communist Party. I've heard Stalinists who visited the city say, "If we can move Pittsburgh an inch, we can move the country a mile."

It was the belief of the communists I worked with that in addition to Pittsburgh the party's four other primary targets are Detroit, Washington, D.C., the Pacific Coast and Alaska, and that if they could control the country's steel, mining, electrical, machine-tool, transportation and maritime industries, they could turn the nation's economy on or off at will through their ability to call and maintain long strikes. It's easy to imagine what this would mean to our country in production stoppages and opportunities for sabotage in a war with the Soviet Union.

The meeting at which these industries were put at the top of the communist list was held in the lecture room of the North Side Carnegie Free Library. It was open to Communist Party members only. Ironically, it was left to me, an FBI employee, to act as doorman and decide who should be let into it and who shouldn't.

It is part of the dogma of the Communist Party in the United States that it must be alert to take advantage of unrest and economic dislocation. It went into action during the period of mining chaos that ended last March with John L. Lewis' agreement with the mine operators. Fifty members of the Labor Youth League were sent into the mine fields from New York City to hand food packages to the miners. The gimmick was this: To get a food package, a miner was asked also to accept a copy of the Daily Worker. But most of the miners weren't having any Red wool pulled over their eyes. They took the food, but many of them refused the Daily Worker. If the youthful missionaries, from New York became too insistent, they were threat-

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Dear Sir:

The article Matt Cvetic, your undercover man, wrote recently in the Saturday Evening Post, was a honey. I have written him a letter of congratulations, but do not know where to address it. It is enclosed and I will greatly appreciate your forwarding it to him if possible.

With thanks.

Yours very truly.

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Mr. Tolson

August 7, 1950

Mr. Nichols

For record purposes, George Dorsey of Warner Brothers called. Warner Brothers are contemplating purchasing the Matthew Cuetic series of stories which have appeared in the Saturday Evening Post. Before entering into any negotiations, they wanted an informal expression from the Bureau as to whether the Bureau would look kindly toward such a project or would be opposed to such a project.

I told George that the Bureau's position would, of course, have to be one of neither approving nor disapproving; that if they bought the story we would, of course, be glad to read the script and without assuming any responsibility and without either approving or disapproving, make any suggestions that occurred to us.

He stated he understood and agreed that it would be impossible for us to do anything more.

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I have been informed that Matthew Cvetic received \$150,000 from Warner Brothers for the motion picture rights to his book. Recently he was on a three-day drunk and he had the \$150,000 in his pocket.

Cvetic still maintains that ~~Max~~ Lowenthal attended Communist Party meetings in Philadelphia. The Committee is now having him in Washington on September 11, although he has not as yet reported on whether he identified Lowenthal's picture.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER CNDI C ONE ONE THREE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED
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TO THIS OFFICE A BOOK CAPTIONED QUOTE ~~FIGHTING~~ WORDS UNQUOTE, ISSUED
BY NEW CENTURY PUBLISHERS, N. Y., NINETEEN FORTY NINE, WHICH CONTAINS
AUTOGRAPHS OF BEN CAREATHERS, E. P. CUSH, JAMES H. DOLSEN, JOSEPH
PAREN SONNY PAREN ROBINSON, STEVE NELSON, WM. ALBERTSON, AND ANDY
ONDA. CVETIC STATED THAT THE BOOK HAS NO VALUE AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE
TO OBTAIN SAID BOOK FOR USE WHILE TESTIFYING AT SEDITION TRIAL AGAINST
NELSON, DOLSEN AND ONDA, DISTRICT FIVE CP FUNCTIONARIES, ON SEPTEMBER
ELEVEN NEXT. ON LEAF PAGE WITH AUTOGRAPHS THERE IS NOTATION OF RECEIPT
FROM QUOTE BOB LEE UNQUOTE, CVETIC-S COVER NAME AND INITIALS OF AGENT
RECEIVING BOOK. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS FELT THAT CVETIC-S REQUEST SHOULD
BE REFUSED. HOWEVER THIS MAY BRING PRESSURE ON THIS OFFICE FROM LOCAL
AUTHORITIES PROSECUTING NELSON, ET AL. SUGGESTED THAT CVETIC BE ADVISED
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cc: Mr Belmont

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: September 8, 1950

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - SECURITY MEASURES -
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Attention: Mr. D. M. LADD

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Retel San Francisco to the Director and New York dated September 1, 1950,
 a copy of which was furnished to this office.

With reference to the phrase

"PITTSBURGH EXPERIENCE: CVETIC DASH VIOLATION ELEMENTARY RULES
 RECORD FOR TEN YEARS. EXPERIENCE HOTEL LOBBY."

which is set forth in re tel, the following clarifying information is
 submitted.

CVETIC is undoubtedly MATTHEW CVETIC former CNDI C-113, of this office, who during February and March of this year testified before the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities regarding Communist Party activities in Western Pennsylvania. Subsequent to CVETIC's testimony before the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities, District 5, CP, functionaries learned that he had been arrested on March 31, 1939, on an information filed by his sister-in-law charging that on February 18, 1939, CVETIC had fractured her wrist during the course of an argument. CVETIC was indicted May 11, 1939, by the Allegheny County Grand Jury on a charge of aggravated assault and battery. On September 13, 1939, on a motion of the Allegheny County Prosecuting Attorney, and CVETIC's sister-in-law, a nolle prosequi was allowed by the Allegheny County Court of Quarter Sessions on the condition that CVETIC make restitution to his sister-in-law in the amount of \$340. District 5, CP, functionaries frequently criticized themselves for not thoroughly investigating CVETIC's background before recruiting him into the CP in February, 1943, and District 5, CP, press releases issued in connection with his testimony emphasized that the FBI was instrumental in having the charges against CVETIC dropped in order to force him to become an informant.

A syndicated column by PETER EDSON which appeared in the March 20, 1950, edition of the "Washington News," Washington, D. C., daily newspaper, and the March 22, 1950, issue of the "Pittsburgh Press," Pittsburgh daily newspaper, stated in substance that CVETIC had been ordered by the FBI

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To: Director, FBI
From: SAC, Pittsburgh
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to investigate a report that a Nazi agent had a radio transmitter operating in the Hotel William Penn, Pittsburgh, Pa. (where CVETIC resided). This article further stated that CVETIC gained the confidence of the Nazi spy and one evening while walking through the lobby with this spy saw a group of District 5, CP, members who also knew that this individual was a spy for the Nazis. CVETIC excused himself to the Nazi spy and was able to return upstairs to his room without being seen by the CP members in the lobby and thus averted suspicion from himself as an informant. The article further states that the Nazi agent was arrested by the FBI the following day.

It is noted that no report submitted by CVETIC could be located which would confirm the facts set forth in this article, nor can any record of the apprehension of a Nazi spy, who operated a radio station from any local hotel, be located in the files of the Pittsburgh Office. In addition none of the agents assigned to the Pittsburgh Office during the entire period of the last war can recall any such incident.

The above is forwarded for the information of the Bureau and the offices receiving copies of this letter.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC

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DATE: September 11, 1950

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On September 9, 1950, at 4:50 AM, MATT CVETIC, former CPNY 6-143, Belmont telephonically contacted the Pittsburgh Office and furnished the following information to Clerk [redacted]

CVETIC stated that while he was getting out of a taxicab on Fifth Avenue, near the Court House, Pittsburgh, a man who he knows to be of foreign extraction and who he knows as a "Russian Agent" tried to kill him. CVETIC stated that he shoved the man and then chased him down Fifth Avenue but was unable to catch up to him. He stated that he knew his assailant but did not mention the person's name, nor did he state whether or not a shot had been fired at him. CVETIC seemed to be very nervous and upset and, as a result, could not relate the details very clearly. CVETIC kept repeating that he was amazed that "they" would attempt an attack on his life and that if he had had his gun, he would have shot his attacker. CVETIC stated that he planned to spend the night in the William Penn Hotel lobby since he was afraid to proceed to his apartment in Mt. Lebanon, Pa.

On this date at approximately 2:15 PM, CVETIC telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and stated that he was approached by an unknown individual in front of the White Tower, located on Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, at about 4:00 AM, on September 9, 1950, at which time his assailant said "Comrade, come on," and that his assailant "put a gun in my belly." CVETIC stated that he gave his assailant the elbow and chased him down Ross Street, and that he disappeared near Forbes Street. CVETIC stated that apparently the CP is sending "boys in here from out of town," and that his assailant apparently had followed him all night. CVETIC stated that in addition to notifying the Pittsburgh Office, he notified the Allegheny County Detective Bureau and had notified the Mount Lebanon PD prior to his returning to his apartment in Mount Lebanon.

On this same date about 2:50 PM, CVETIC telephonically advised that he had since learned that one [redacted] of Cleveland, Ohio, a former CP member, had made some inquiries at the William Penn Hotel on Friday, September 8, 1950. CVETIC stated that he was with [redacted] on September 10, 1950, but that [redacted] was not his assailant. CVETIC stated, however, that [redacted] may have had some connection with his assailant.

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CVETIC described his assailant as approximately 38-39; 5'11" to 6'; 160-170 lbs.; sallow complexion; pointed nose; nationality - believed to be Russian.

No action is being taken by this office and the above is being submitted for information purposes.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 18, 1950

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER CNDI C-113DECLASSIFIED BY SP7MAC/BA
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The following article by KARL KRUG, Drama Critic, appeared in the
"Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph" issue of September 7, 1950, on Page 13, Column 1.

"Pittsburgh will get the world premiere of Warner's screen version of MATT CVETIC's 'I Posed as a Communist for the FBI', probably in the Stanley Theater....Or so says BRYAN FOY, Warner producer, who pioneered and is an authority on the semi-documentary type of photoplay. With the script of the CVETIC yarn practically completed, FOY will send a camera crew here within the next six weeks to shoot Pittsburgh scenes for the film, which will be centered practically in its entirety in those locales where CVETIC did the bulk of his undercover work."

The above is being furnished as a matter of information in view of the fact the movie officials may contact the Pittsburgh Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

DATE: October 5, 1950

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PURPOSE:

To advise you of the results of the comparison of Cvetic's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on June 22, 1950, with reports submitted by him to the Pittsburgh Office.

DETAILS:

In the attached memorandum dated September 7, 1950, the Pittsburgh Office sets forth a detailed account of specific discrepancies between Cvetic's testimony on June 22, 1950, and his reports to the Pittsburgh Office. The nature of his testimony and discrepancies therein are described generally as follows:

1. Cvetic appears to give the impression that he was well acquainted with all individuals named by him. As a matter of fact, many of those named were reported by him to the Pittsburgh Office on only one or two occasions and, in many instances, individuals mentioned by him have never been the subject of any of his reports.

2. He had access to HCUA files in compiling the most recent list of individuals identified by him as Communist Party members. It is believed that part of his testimony regarding these individuals is based on HCUA file material.

3. Cvetic's testimony contains many vague generalities and statements which do not lend themselves readily to specific corroboration from his reports.

4. He testified extensively concerning the Croatian Bureau of the Communist Party, although his reports reflect that he attended very few meetings of that Bureau. (He did have first hand knowledge concerning the Slovene Bureau.)

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Most of his information regarding the Croatian Bureau was obtained at meetings of local and national Communist Party Nationality Group Commissions and through hearsay.

No informants, contacts, or sources of information of the Pittsburgh Office were mentioned by Cvetic on June 22, 1950.

The Pittsburgh Office concluded that it is apparent that with each succeeding appearance before the HCUA, "Cvetic's testimony becomes more general in nature and that his statements are more reckless and have less basis in fact when compared with reports submitted by him to this office."

ACTION:

None. For your information.



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: September 7, 1950

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former ONDI C-113
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Rebulet to Pittsburgh, July 21, 1950, which enclosed a photostatic copy of testimony given by CVETIC before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on June 22, 1950.

The above testimony, which is being retained and indexed by this office, has been reviewed and a memorandum is attached setting forth the discrepancies contained therein as compared with reports submitted to this office by CVETIC. It is noted that no informants, contacts or sources of information of this office were mentioned by CVETIC during the course of the above testimony.

With regard to CVETIC's statements concerning Communist Party and Communist Party front activities in the Ohio Valley, it is pointed out that same is of extremely general nature. It is noted that when questioned specifically concerning such activities, CVETIC either evaded the question or stated he was unable to recall the names of specific individuals involved at this time. CVETIC's reports during the period that his services were available to this office reflect that he had only a general knowledge of Communist Party activities in Ohio and West Virginia; that he was acquainted with the principal organizers in those areas but that his knowledge of specific activities and personalities involved was limited. He has on several occasions in the past when being questioned orally by this office stated that he was not as well versed with regard to Communist Party activities in Ohio and West Virginia as he was with those in Western Pennsylvania.

It is also pointed out that throughout his testimony of June 22, 1950, CVETIC appears to give the impression that he was well acquainted with all of the individuals mentioned by him. As a matter of fact, many of the persons mentioned by CVETIC on June 22 were reported by him on only one or two occasions and, in many instances, individuals mentioned by him have never been the subject of any reports by him.

It is also noted, as set out on Page 16 of CVETIC's testimony of June 22, that he had access to the House Committee on Un-American Activities files in compiling the most recent list of individuals identified by him as Communist Party members. It is believed that part of his testimony regarding these individuals is based on the material which came to his attention as a result of a review of the House Committee on Un-American Activities files.

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To: Director, FBI
From: SAC, Pittsburgh
Date : Sept. 7, 1950

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former CNDI C-113

CVETIC's most recent testimony, as was the case in his previous appearances before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, contains many vague generalities and statements which have been found to be most difficult to corroborate specifically from his reports.

It is finally noted that a great portion of CVETIC's testimony on June 22 was devoted to the Croatian Bureau of the Communist Party and personalities connected therewith. In this regard it is pointed out that CVETIC's reports reflect that he had first hand knowledge concerning meetings of the Slovene Bureau of the Communist Party but that he attended very few meetings of the Croatian Bureau. Most of his information with regard to the latter Bureau came to his attention via meetings of national and local Communist Party Nationality Group Commissions and through hearsay information furnished by other Party members.

It is apparent that with each succeeding appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, CVETIC's testimony becomes more general in nature and that his statements are more reckless and have less basis in fact when compared with reports submitted by him to this office.

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Testimony of MATTHEW CVETIC before
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN
ACTIVITIES - June 22, 1950

The following discrepancies have been found in CVETIC's testimony of the above date after comparison with reports submitted by him to this office:

1. Page 2, Paragraph 10 to Page 3, Paragraph 7
Re: INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER

CVETIC's testimony at this point appears to be confused. It is believed all such information concerning the International Workers came to his attention at Communist Party Nationality Groups Commission meetings. It is noted that the Ohio Valley Section of the IWO (including southeastern Ohio and northwestern West Virginia) has been under the direction and control of the Ohio District of the IWO with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio. BALTICH, HANUSIAK and MIROKOVICH are in the main assigned to IWO work in Western Pennsylvania while MIDDLETON and NICOLAUK are national IWO officers. It is further noted that CVETIC has never reported to any great extent concerning IWO activities and that his knowledge of same is limited. It is also pointed out that in subsequent testimony on June 22 with regard to the IWO, CVETIC was unable to name any specific individuals in the Ohio Valley who are responsible for IWO activities in this area.

2. Page 5, Paragraph 8 to Page 6, Paragraph 4
Re: AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS

No reports submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he sets out names in the Ohio Valley Section of the American Slav Congress. It is noted that CVETIC's knowledge concerning same is limited and it is pointed out that he could not state that any of the individuals named by him as being members of the Ohio Valley American Slav Congress Committee were Communist Party members. In this regard it is interesting to note that [redacted] is known to the Cincinnati Office and to Pittsburgh [redacted] and [redacted] both of known reliability, as an extremely active Communist Party member in the Ohio Valley area.

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3. Page 6, Paragraphs 5 and 6

Re: AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS SUPPORTERS IN THE
OHIO VALLEY AREA

This testimony is an offhand estimate by CVETIC and is vague. In a report dated September 26, 1944, CVETIC set out that 2414 regular delegates and 208 visitors had attended the 1944 American Slav Congress held at Pittsburgh, Pa., on September 23 and 24, 1944. Of this number, 1125 were from Pennsylvania, 385 were from Ohio and 19 were from West Virginia. Reports by CVETIC during 1948 and 1949 with regard to American Slav Congress conferences dealt with conferences of Western Pennsylvania American Slav Congress members and had no direct relationship with the American Slav Congress in Ohio or West Virginia.

4. Page 16, Paragraphs 2 and 3

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY CELLS IN THE OHIO VALLEY

No reports by CVETIC can be located which set out specific cities in Ohio and West Virginia in which Communist Party cells are functioning. It is noted, however, that CVETIC's testimony in this regard is general and that he has no specific information concerning such cells.

5. Page 17

Re: FRED YAGER

No reports submitted by CVETIC with regard to FRED YAGER can be located. YAGER is known to this office as a brother-in-law of STEVE NELSON but no active investigation has ever been conducted concerning him.

6. Page 19

Re: ADAM GETTO

GETTO is known to this office as a Communist Party member in Washington County and investigation has been conducted concerning him. No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which contains information with regard to GETTO.

7. Page 19

Re: EDWARD YOUNG, aka EDDIE YOUNG

This office maintains an investigative file with regard to EDDIE YOUNG. The only information reported by CVETIC with regard to YOUNG was set out in his report dated July 11, 1948, in which he reported that YOUNG had attended a district convention of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania which was held at Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 9 to 11, 1948.

8. Page 20

Re: SAM MALLOV

CVETIC has reported that SAM MALLOV was a member of the Professional Branch of the Communist Party at Pittsburgh, Pa., but no report by CVETIC can be located in which he sets out that MALLOV left Pittsburgh to accept a teaching position at Syracuse University.

9. Page 21

Re: MILLER

This individual, previously reported by CVETIC to this office, is the subject of the case entitled "SAMUEL GORDON MILLER; INTERNAL SECURITY, HATCH ACT," Bureau file 100-24506.

10. Page 24

Re:

CVETIC has previously reported this individual as a member of the Communist Party. However, according to information furnished by CVETIC on April 2, 1943 and August 22, 1949, Pittsburgh, was an organizer and member of the District Committee of the Ukrainian American Society of the International Workers Order in 1943 and 1944. As of August 26, 1947, of known reliability, reported that DERKACH was then living in Detroit, Michigan.

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Re: STRAHINJA MALETICH

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he identifies MALETICH as an agent of the Yugoslav Secret Police. Likewise, no report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he sets out that MALETICH was reportedly executed by the Tito Government.

12. Page 34
Re: PETER VRANESEVICH

CVETIC has reported that VRANESEVICH was active in the American Slav Congress in the Allegheny Valley but no specific report can be located in which he sets out that VRANESEVICH was a member of the Communist Party.

13. Page 38
Re: GEORGE KUSICH

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he sets out information regarding KUSICH.

14. Page 39
Re: BOB LINER

CVETIC has reported that LINER was a Communist Party member at Pittsburgh but no report submitted by him can be located in which he states that LINER is presently in New York City. The Pittsburgh file regarding LINER indicates that, as of December, 1947, he was living in Los Angeles, California.

15. Page 40
Re: N. J. NICOLAC

On September 26, 1948, CVETIC reported that one, NICK ----, of Mountain View, California, a Croatian leader had attended the fourth American Slav Congress held at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, from September 24 to 26, 1948.

On October 21, 1948, CVETIC furnished a mimeographed "Report on the Fourth American Slav Congress" which had been issued by the national American Slav Congress headquarters and which set out that N. J. NICOLAC had been elected as a Croatian Nationality Officer and member of the American Slav Congress National Committee at the above meetings held in Chicago. No other reports submitted by CVETIC can be located.

16. Page 41
Re: MATT GORETA

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he identifies GORETA as being known to him. It is noted that, according to the Croatian Fraternal Union roster of officers as published weekly in Zajednicar, official organ of the Croatian Fraternal Union, this individual is set out as MATT GORETTA.

17. Page 42
Re: MATT BRZEVICH

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No report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he sets out that BRZEVICH is known to him. It is noted that [redacted] and a reliable contact of this office, furnished complete information regarding delegates to and activities of the Seventh National Convention of the Croatian Fraternal Union held at Pittsburgh, Pa., from September 15 to 26, 1947. [redacted] also identified each and every member of the pro-Communist bloc which dominated said convention. It is pointed out that [redacted] did not list BRZEVICH as a delegate to the convention nor as a member of the pro-Communist bloc at the convention. It appears that CVETIC is in error on this point.

18. Page 45
Re: DR. NEUBAUR

On January 23, 1946, CVETIC reported that Dr. ROBERT NEUBAUR had come to Pittsburgh on a Yugoslav Red Cross mission and that NEUBAUR had stated while in Pittsburgh that the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief should be continued at all costs as it was the most effective way to carry on "Our" political work in the United States. CVETIC did not report that NEUBAUR was a member of the Yugoslav Secret Police. It is also noted that CVETIC reported NEUBAUR in Pittsburgh on only this one occasion.

19. Page 45
Re: OTHER MEMBERS OF THE YUGOSLAV
RED CROSS DELEGATION

CVETIC is probably referring here to Lieutenant GAJO RATKOVIC and NADA KRAIGHER who were members of the Yugoslav Red Cross delegation which

toured the United States in behalf of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief in 1946. CVETIC reported on only one occasion, January 20, 1946, that RATKOVIC and KRAIGHER were in Pittsburgh. It is noted that he did not report that they were foreign agents although he did state that they were in the United States to work for Yugoslavia.

20. Pages 46 and 47

Re: THE ORGANIZATIONAL SETUP OF THE COMMUNIST
PARTY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, AS COMPILED
BY CVETIC

When interviewed by LAWRENCE BAILEY, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, on May 6, 7, 9, 1949, CVETIC furnished the following lists with regard to the organizational setup of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania:

DISTRICT BOARD (BURO)

STEVE NELSON
WILLIAM ALBERTSON
BEN CAREATHERS
GABOR KISH, JR.
ANDREW ONDA
ELEANOR SACKTER

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

STEVE NELSON
WILLIAM ALBERTSON
GABOR KISH, JR.
BENJAMIN CAREATHERS
ELEANOR SACKTER
THOMAS FITZPATRICK
ANDREW ONDA
LEO FISHER
SAM REED

It is noted that the above listings furnished by CVETIC in May, 1949, differ as to number and makeup as compared with the list furnished by him to the House Committee on Un-American Activities on June 22, 1950. It is further noted that in a report dated July 11, 1948, in which CVETIC set out details concerning the District Convention of the Communist Party of

Western Pennsylvania held at Pittsburgh on July 9 through 11, 1948, he stated that eleven individuals had been elected as members of the District Committee. Nine of these individuals he identified as set out above in the listing furnished by him in May, 1949. His report set out that he was uncertain as to the other two members of the District Committee but that he thought they would be TONY SALOPEK, TONY LEPOVICH or ELMER KISH. When interviewed by Special Assistant to the Attorney General BAILEY, CVETIC stated that since he was uncertain he did not wish to include SALOPEK, LEPOVICH or KISH on the listing furnished by him. It is noted, however, that when testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on June 22, 1950, that he included SALOPEK and LEPOVICH as members of the District Committee.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, OMAHA

SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC,
William Burke Mooney,
Former Special Agent,
Research.

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DATE: October 11, 1950

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|| Former SA William Burke Mooney, who is a practicing attorney at Waverly, Iowa, recently indicated to SA Donal S. Dawson, our Resident Agent in Waterloo, Iowa, that he, together with Matt Cvetic, had appeared on a television and radio program in New York City some time during the month of August 1950.

As the Bureau is aware, Cvetic is a former confidential informant on Communist matters. The exact nature of the program is not known.

|| However, it is understood that Mooney assisted in the preparation and presentation of this program and acted in the capacity of adviser. It is also understood that Mooney may have been presented on the program as a former FBI agent who managed the contacts with Cvetic.

Mooney further indicated that Cvetic's activity is being considered by one of the motion picture producing companies in Hollywood as a good vehicle for a future production. Mooney showed some concern about what the Bureau's attitude might be toward him and Cvetic in connection with the television program as well as any future motion pictures which might be made.

No advice was given to Mooney and the above is being submitted merely for the Bureau's information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *ma*

DATE: October 9, 1950

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

G. L. R. = 1 *Tony S. Smith*

I am attaching hereto some material Tony Smith left with me which he secured from Matthew Cvetic.

The memorandum entitled "First Raid on Pittsburgh CP Headquarters--Day of Nelson's Arrest" was prepared by Smith. The handwritten notations appearing thereon are Tony Smith's, who is a reporter for the Scripps-Howard papers.

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Ladd ☒
Clegg ☒
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: 12/5/50

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
 Former CNDI C-113

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 ON 7-31-89

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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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 A problem has arisen in this office as to the manner in which information reported by this former confidential informant should be identified in reports. In the past, and even since his disclosure, a "T" symbol has been used in setting out information furnished by him as a confidential informant. Also, where there was no conflict, testimony given by him before the HCUA was attributed to him by name.

However, on several occasions it has happened that information he submitted as a confidential informant was more detailed than that furnished when he testified before the HCUA. Accordingly, it was not possible to limit the investigative report to the data he furnished as an HCUA witness. But to attribute the information he submitted as a confidential informant to a "T" symbol and furnish his name for the information provided by testimony in the same investigative report gives the impression that two individuals provided reports of a similar and corroborating nature. It is to be pointed out that wherever CVETIC furnished pertinent data in connection with his testimony, it was used in the investigative reports.

In addition, there are some instances where the information CVETIC reported to this office as a confidential informant is contradictory, or at least inconsistent, with his testimony before the HCUA.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing and inasmuch as CVETIC for the most part furnished complete information regarding his confidential informant activities to the HCUA, it is felt that the most practical way of handling this situation is to name him as the source of the information regardless of the time that it was furnished. This practice will be used by the Pittsburgh Office UACB.

The above comments are based on the premise that this office in submitting its reports is obliged to set out information provided by the testimony of CVETIC before the HCUA. It would appear that failure to do so would bring comment from intelligence agencies which are familiar with the testimony given by him before the HCUA.

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A. H. Belmont

MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER GNDI

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EDWARD U. CONDON
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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SAC Soucy called from Pittsburgh at 5:00 P. M. October 18, He referred to the Bureau's teletype of October 17 instructing that Matthew Cvetic be interviewed regarding an allegation made by Informant [] that he had observed an individual attending meetings at 440 Wood Street in 1944 or early 1945 who "might be Condon," the purpose of the interview being to determine if Cvetic, who also attended meetings of a CP or CP front nature at this address during the pertinent time, might be able to state whether or not Condon had attended such meetings. (u)

Soucy pointed out that he has been under direct instructions not to contact Cvetic. He noted that Cvetic is definitely unreliable, that he has sold rights to his life's history to a movie concern, that he has been testifying before the Grand Jury at what he believes to be the instigation of Judge Musmanto. He is most publicity conscious and may well attempt to bring the Bureau's name into the present activities of State authorities should we contact him at this time. On the other hand, Soucy pointed out that whether or not Cvetic is able to identify Dr. Condon, he might dishonestly say that he identifies him and might well make a similar statement to the HCUA and thereafter testify publicly to such a statement. From this viewpoint, it might be desirable for the Bureau to have in its file the result of any statement which Cvetic can make regarding Condon's possible attendance at meetings as suggested by [] (u) b6 b7C

Soucy suggested that the Bureau might desire to consider his observations in connection with the instructions which have been issued to Pittsburg to interview Cvetic. I told Soucy that his observations would be considered and that unless he was advised to the contrary by noon October 19, that he should proceed with his plans to interview Cvetic as directed by the Bureau. (u) 100-372409 - ✓

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the proposed interview with Cvetic be conducted as directed by the Bureau in order that any statement which he has to make regarding the possible attendance of Condon at meetings will be available to the Bureau at this time. (u)

INFORMING NO STALLING
DIRECTOR'S NOTATION: "OK.H"

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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER PG CI C ONE ONE THREE. CVETIC ARRIVED NYC
LAST NIGHT AND IS STAYING AT PARK SHERATON HOTEL. HE IS TO APPEAR
AS WITNESS FOR STATE OF NEW YORK IN MATTER OF NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE
COMMISSION VERSUS IWO. APPEARANCE AS A WITNESS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED
FOR TWENTYFIRST INSTANT AND APPEARANCE ON STAND ESTIMATED TO EXTEND
THROUGH TWENTYTHIRD INSTANT. FOR INFO.

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G. T. W. SCHEIDT

cc: Mr. Belmont
Mr. Rosen

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former Pittsburgh Informant C-113

DATE: February 27, 1951

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PURPOSE

To advise that Cvetic has been used as a prosecution witness in the case of the State of New York against the IWO and when questioned by the Judge as to whether FBI representatives would testify as to Cvetic's Bureau connection, Cvetic answered in the affirmative.

DETAILS

The State of New York is attempting to revoke a franchise of the IWO as an insurance organization. In the presentation of its case New York is using Matthew Cvetic as a witness. It will be recalled that Cvetic is the former Pittsburgh informant who appeared last year before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and inadvertently exposed many current Bureau informants. With regard to his present testifying, Paul Williams, Special Attorney General for New York State, advised Special Agent [redacted] of the New York Office on February 24, 1951, that when Cvetic took the stand on February 23, it was brought out in his preliminary testimony that he was formerly an "undercover agent" for the Bureau. The Judge questioned Cvetic as to whether FBI representatives would testify as to his having functioned in such capacity and Cvetic answered in the affirmative. Williams asked Special Agent [redacted] if on February 26 he, [redacted], would be willing to speak to the Judge in chambers and affirm Cvetic's Bureau connection. Special Agent [redacted] told Williams he had no authority to take such action and Williams stated it might not be necessary that the Judge be so informed but if it became necessary, he would recontact the New York Office.

The New York Office has advised that the Bureau will be informed when such recontact by Williams is made prior to taking any action on such a request.

RECOMMENDATION

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It is recommended that authority be given to the New York Office for a representative to inform the Judge in chambers of the fact that Cvetic was an informant of the Bureau from 1942 to 1950. In granting this authority to New York that office will be told to take no such action unless Special Attorney General Williams recontacts the New York Office for such purpose. There is attached an appropriate teletype to New York.

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Assistant Attorney General James
M. McInerney, Criminal Division

March 2, 1951

Director, FBI

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INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER
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ON 7-31-89

The State of New York is attempting to revoke the franchise of the International Workers Order as an insurance organization. Court action in this regard is now in progress. In connection with this case a former Bureau informant, Matthew Cvetic, is being used as a witness. At the close of Court on February 28, 1951, our New York Office was contacted by [redacted] Assistant to Paul Williams, Special Attorney General for New York State representing the New York States Insurance Commission in this Matter.

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According to [redacted] on February 28, 1951, Matthew Cvetic was on the witness stand and on cross-examination the attorney for the International Workers Order, Rafael Weissman, requested Presiding Judge Henry Greenberg to request of the Bureau copies of all reports submitted to the Bureau by Cvetic during the period he was acting as an informant for the Bureau in order that the Judge could review the reports and evaluate Cvetic's testimony in the current case. The request of the defense was allegedly based upon the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Roger Touhy case in which, it will be recalled, the Special Agent in Charge of our Chicago Office was held in contempt for failure to produce records upon judicial demand. The Supreme Court, however, reversed the decision of the Lower Court. Judge Greenberg stated if the defense would prepare a letter to the Bureau making such a request, he would sign it. According to Mr. Henry, in his opinion such action will be taken by Attorney Weissman.

On March 1, 1951, Mr. Williams advised that Judge Greenberg has indicated that he personally is not greatly desirous of having the afore-mentioned reports made available to him and is not inclined to press the issue. The Judge said, however, if the representatives of the IWO submit a letter containing any such request for his signature, he will sign it. It was Mr. Williams' opinion that such request for reports may be directed to United States Attorney Irving Saypol, Southern District of New York, and a mere refusal by Mr. Saypol of such request will be accepted by Judge Greenberg as final. The trial of this case has been recessed until March 6, 1951.

This is being brought to your attention for your information and you are requested to advise what action this Bureau should take if a request for reports is received from Judge Greenberg.

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With regard to Cvetic, you will recall that he is being considered by your Division as a possible witness in connection with the case against the Communist Party under the Internal Security Act of 1950, and his reports are being obtained from our Pittsburgh Office for review prior to his being interviewed as a possible witness.

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IWO, ISC. [REDACTED] ASST. TO PAUL WILLIAMS, SPECIAL NYSAG REPRESENTATIVE
SENTING NYS INSURANCE COMMISSION IN CURRENT ACTION AGAINST IWO
INFORMED THIS OFFICE THIS DATE THAT AT CLOSE OF COURT SESSION IN
IWO CASE THIS DATE AT WHICH MATTHEW CVETIC WAS ON THE STAND ON CROSS
EXAMINATION THE ATTORNEY FOR THE IWO RAFAEL WEISSMAN REQUESTED
PRESIDING JUDGE HENRY GREENBERG TO REQUEST OF THE BUREAU COPIES OF
ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED TO IT BY MATT CVETIC DURING THE PERIOD HE WAS
ACTING AS AN INFORMANT FOR THE BUREAU SO THAT THE JUDGE COULD REVIEW
THESE REPORTS HIMSELF AND ON THE BASIS OF THEM EVALUATE CVETIC'S
TESTIMONY IN THE IWO CASE BEING HEARD BY THE JUDGE. THEY BASED THEIR
REQUEST UPON THE DECISION OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT HANDED DOWN TWENTY
SIXTH INSTANT IN THE MATTER OF ROGER TONHY AND SAC MC SWAIN OF
CHICAGO WHEREIN MC SWAIN WAS HELD IN CONTEMPT FOR FAILURE TO PRODUCE
RECORDS UPON JUDICIAL DEMAND. JUDGE GREENBERG STATED THAT IF THEY
WOULD PREPARE A LETTER TO THE BUREAU MAKING SUCH A REQUEST HE WOULD
SIGN IT. [REDACTED] STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION SUCH ACTION WILL BE
TAKEN BY WEISSMAN. THIS IS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND
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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER PG. CI C DASH ONE ONE THREE. PAUL WILLIAMS,
SPECIAL ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR NY STATE REPRESENTING NY STATE INSURANCE
COMMISSION IN PRESENT CASE AGAINST THE IWO ADVISED SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TODAY THAT CVETIC TOOK THE STAND AS A PROSECUTION WITNESS
ON TWENTY THIRD INSTANT, AND THAT DURING HIS PRELIMINARY TESTIMONY
IT WAS BROUGHT OUT THAT HE WAS FORMERLY AN UNDERCOVER AGENT FOR
THIS BUREAU. THE JUDGE QUESTIONED CVETIC AS TO WHETHER FBI
REPRESENTATIVES WOULD TESTIFY AS TO HIS HAVING FUNCTIONED IN SUCH
CAPACITY, AND CVETIC ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. WILLIAMS ASKED
AGENT [REDACTED] IF ON TWENTY SIX NEXT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SPEAK
TO THE JUDGE IN CHAMBERS AND AFFIRM CVETIC-S CONNECTION WITH THIS
BUREAU. AGENT STATED HE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AND
WILLIAMS THEN STATED THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE NECESSARY THAT THE JUDGE
BE SO INFORMED ANYWAY, BUT IF IT WOULD BECOME NECESSARY HE WOULD
RECONTACT THIS OFFICE RE SUCH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. THE BUREAU WILL BE
ADVISED IF SUCH RECONTACT IS MADE PRIOR TO TAKING ANY ACTION
ON THE REQUEST. THIS FOR INFO.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson
FROM : L. B. Nichols
SUBJECT:

DATE: March 13, 1951

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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
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Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

~~Herman~~ Lowe called on Saturday on behalf of George Fishman who is connected with ~~Warner~~ Brothers.

Fishman wanted to get down to see us personally. Since he was tied up because of illness, he asked Lowe to check and see if we had any views as to whether or not they should take Matthew Svetic on a nationwide tour in connection with their forthcoming picture on Svetic's Saturday Evening Post stories.

I told Lowe that this, of course, was a matter that Warner Brothers would have to determine for themselves. I told Lowe rather frankly that they bought the book and then asked us about Svetic. I told him it was too late to give any advice.

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Well handled.

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Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney
Criminal Division March 12, 1951

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to my memoranda of March 2 and 3, 1951, concerning the request of the defense in the case of Bohlinger as Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, Petitioner, v. International Workers Order, Inc., Respondent, for reports of Matthew Guetic, a former Bureau informant who is being used as a prosecution witness by the State of New York.

It will be recalled that the attorney for the defendant was advised by this Bureau that all records of the Bureau are in the custody of the Attorney General and the matter of furnishing any reports of Guetic had been referred to the Department.

Our New York Division has advised that on March 7, 1951, AUSA Eugene Roth appeared in New York State Supreme Court and respectfully declined to furnish the aforementioned reports for Justice Greenberg's review, basing his refusal on Departmental Order No. 3229. Defense Attorney Weisman called the Judge's attention to the appearance of Special Assistant to the Attorney General Thomas Donegan in court at the inception of the trial and drew the conclusion therefrom that the Attorney General is involved in the case and Judge Greenberg should, therefore, order the Attorney General to produce Guetic's reports. This request was taken under advisement by the Judge with the request that both sides furnish their views of the law.

As a matter of information, on the day the International Workers Order first appeared in court to answer the show cause order, Mr. Donegan was in court at the prosecution's request and acknowledged to the court that the Attorney General and the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York were cooperating with the Attorney General of the State of New York in the case.

The attorney for the New York State Insurance Commission has advised that Judge Greenberg on the above date stated he felt the defense had a point with respect to the production of Guetic's reports inasmuch as it appeared to him that the United States Attorney General had, in fact,

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participated in the case through the appearance of Special Assistant Donegan. However, Justice Greenberg is continuing to keep the matter under advisement and no decision on his part is expected prior to March 19, until which time the trial is recessed.

The prosecution, according to our New York Office, does not contemplate assuming a stand in opposition to the production of Cuetic's reports but is keeping United States Attorney Saypol advised of developments. The prosecution rested its case against the International Workers Order on March 7, 1951.

The above is for your information and this Bureau is still of the opinion that Cuetic's reports should not be furnished as they not only contain information obtained by him on the International Workers Order but on numerous other matters which are still being investigated by the Bureau. Any further developments in the International Workers Order case which come to our attention will be furnished to you.

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IWO, ISC. RMYTEL MARCH SEVEN. ATTORNEY FOR NYS INSURANCE COMMISSION ADVISES THAT JUDGE GREENBERG STATED IN COURT MARCH SEVEN THAT HE FELT THE DEFENSE HAD A POINT WITH RESPECT TO THE PRODUCTION OF CVETIC-S REPORTS INASMUCH AS IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT THE USAG HAD IN FACT PARTICIPATED IN THE CASE THRU THE APPEARANCE OF HIS SP. ASST. MR. DONEGAN, AS REPORTED IN REFERENCED TEL. HOWEVER, HE IS CONTINUING TO KEEP THE MATTER UNDER ADVISEMENT AND NO DECISION ON HIS PART IS EXPECTED PRIOR TO MARCH NINETEEN UNTIL WHICH DATE THE TRIAL IS RECESSED. THE PROSECUTION DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE ASSUMING A STAND IN OPPOSITION TO THE PRODUCTION OF CVETIC-S REPORTS BUT IS KEEPING USA SAYFOL ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERIM IN THIS REGARD WILL BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU.

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IWO., IS - C. RE CURRENT TRIAL NYS INSURANCE COMMISSION VS. IWO.
COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES ADVISE THIS DATE THAT AUSA EUGENE ROTH
APPEARED IN COURT THIS A. M. AND RESPECTFULLY DECLINED TO FURNISH
CVETIC-S REPORTS FOR JUSTICE GREENBERG-S REVIEW BASING REFUSAL
ON DEPARTMENTAL ORDER NUMBER THREE TWO TWO NINE. DEFENSE ATTORNEY
WEISSMAN CALLED JUDGE-S ATTENTION TO APPEARANCE OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT
TO AG THOMAS DONEGAN IN COURT AT INCEPTION OF TRIAL AND DREW CON-
CLUSION THEREFROM THAT AG IS INVOLVED IN THE CASE AND, THEREFORE,
THE JUDGE SHOULD ORDER THE AG TO PRODUCE ^{MATTHEW (D)} CVETIC-S REPORTS. THAT
REQUEST TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT BY JUDGE WITH REQUEST THAT BOTH SIDES
FURNISH THEIR VIEWS OF THE LAW ON THAT REQUEST. FOR BUREAU-S INFO,
ON DAY IWO FIRST APPEARED TO ANSWER THE SHOW CAUSE ORDER, DONEGAN
WAS IN COURT AT PROSECUTION-S REQUEST AND ACKNOWLEDGED TO THE COURT
THAT THE AG AND USA, SDNY, WERE COOPERATING WITH THE NYS AG IN THE
IWO MATTER. THE PROSECUTION RESTED IT-S CASE THIS DATE. AT DEFENSE
REQUEST THE NYS INSURANCE COMMISSIONER EXAMINER UPON WHOSE REPORT
THIS COURT ACTION IS BASED, WILL APPEAR FOR EXAMINATION ON MARCH EIGHT
AND THEREAFTER TRIAL WILL ADJOURN UNTIL MARCH NINETEEN, WITH DEFENSE
THEN CALLING IT-S WITNESSES, WHICH THEY ESTIMATE AT SEVEN. BUREAU
WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERIM. APPE-
ARANCE OF IWO NATIONAL OFFICERS UNDER PROSECUTION SUBPOENA THIS DATE,
AS BUREAU PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, DID NOT OCCUR SINCE DEFENSE ADVISED
OF INTENTION TO HAVE THEM ALL APPEAR AS WITNESSES AND PROSECUTION
AGREED TO HOLD ITS QUESTIONING IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THAT TIME. FOR INFO.

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MR. A. R. BELMONT

MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

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March 5, 1951

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Reference is made to the letter dated March 1, 1951, received by the Bureau from Raphael H. Weissman, Counsel for the ILO, in connection with the proceeding now going on in the New York State Court growing out of the efforts of the Superintendent of Insurance of New York to prohibit the ILO from operating in the insurance field. It will be recalled that this communication stated that Matthew Cvetic of Pittsburgh testified that he had worked for the FBI from about April, 1941, to about January, 1950, during which time he regularly filed written reports with the Bureau concerning Communist activities. Weissman's communication requested that all reports submitted by Cvetic be made available to Judge Henry Clay Greenberg, who was presiding at this hearing at 10:00 A.M., March 3, 1951, in the NY County Courthouse, NY.

On the evening of March 3, 1951, I called the New York Office and in the absence of ASAC Whelan, instructed Supervisor [redacted] to have either Mr. Whelan or Mr. Schmidt get in touch with USA Saypol the first thing Monday morning, March 5, and advise him that this request had been received by the Bureau. I told [redacted] that the Bureau had referred the request to the Criminal Division of the Department and had acknowledged Weissman's letter as advising him. However, I requested that Mr. Saypol be informed that every action possible should be taken to insure that the Bureau's interests are protected and, of course, to object most strenuously to the producing for the court for subsequent introduction into evidence of these reports made by Cvetic.

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ADDENDUM:

while speaking to Mr. Whearty, of the Department, this afternoon, he advised that U. S. Saypol had forwarded a copy of a letter from Attorney Weissman to the Bureau, requesting that the reports of Cvetic be produced. I advised Mr. Whearty that we had forwarded this request to the Department by letter dated March 3, 1951, in which we vigorously opposed the furnishing of such reports as requested and suggested that U.S.A. Saypol be contacted by the Department in order that he might apprise Justice Greenberg of the regulations of the Department. Mr. Whearty agreed that this was the proper way to handle this matter and advised that he would look up our letter and see that this was handled.

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Mr. Raphael H. Weissman
Attorney at Law
185 Montague Street
Brooklyn, New York

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DATE 7-31-82 BY SP2MAC/DS

Dear Mr. Weissman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 1, 1951, in which you requested certain reports. This is to advise that all records of this Bureau are in the custody of the Attorney General and your communication of March 1, 1951, has been referred to his office with the suggestion that a representative of the Department of Justice get in touch with you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Attorney at Law

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Brooklyn, N.Y.
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DATE 7-31-88 BY SP1 mac/BS

March 1, 1951

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This communication is being sent to you under authority and by direction of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, Adjourned Special Term, Part I.

In a proceeding now pending in said Term in the matter of Bohlinger as Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, Petitioner, v. International Workers Order, Inc., Respondent, one Matthew Cvetic of Pittsburgh, Pa., testified that he was working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from about April, 1941, to about January, 1950, and that during that time he regularly filed written reports with the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist activities.

You are hereby respectfully requested to make available any reports filed by said Matthew Cvetic during said period to Justice Henry Clay Greenberg, presiding in said Term, on Tuesday, March 6, 1951, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, in the New York County Courthouse, Room 232, Foley Square, New York City, for prior determination as to their materiality to the case and, insofar as material, for use upon said trial, subject to such safeguards as to security as may be prescribed by the Justice presiding.

Please let me know as quickly as you conveniently can, prior to the adjourned date of Tuesday, whether and to what extent this request will be complied with. If you wish, you may communicate directly with Justice Henry

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Clay Greenberg at his chambers in the Courthouse aforesaid.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]
Counsel for Respondent

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Under the authority and by
direction of the Supreme Court,
State of New York, County of
New York,

/s/ Henry Clay Greenberg
Justice presiding in Adjourned
Special Term, Part I.

Copy to: Paul W. Williams, Esq.,
Special Assistant Attorney General
Of the State of New York,
Attorney for Petitioner,
63 Wall Street,
New York City, N. Y.

TRUE COPY

Assistant Attorney General James H. McInerney
Criminal Division

March 3, 1951

Director, FBI

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INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER
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ON 7-31-89

Reference is made to my memorandum of March 2, 1951, in which you were advised that the defense attorney in the case of the Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York versus the International Workers Order gave some indication he would request of this Bureau copies of the reports furnished to the Bureau by one Matthew Coetzle, a former confidential informant.

This Bureau has received under date of March 1, 1951, a letter from [redacted] the aforementioned counsel, and a copy of his letter is attached. You will note in this letter the Bureau is requested to make available any reports filed by Coetzle during the period he was assisting the FBI. It is pointed out that the reports in question contain information on many matters other than the IWO, and this Bureau vigorously opposes furnishing any of those reports as requested. It is suggested, since the reports have been requested for submission on Tuesday, March 6, 1951, in the New York County Court House, that you contact United States Attorney Irving Saypol in order that he may advise Justice Henry Clay Greenberg and also, if deemed desirable, the attorney for the defendant in this matter of the regulations of the Department in this regard.

The letter from [redacted] has been acknowledged and he has been advised that all records of this Bureau are in the custody of the Attorney General and his communication has been referred to the Department with the suggestion that a representative of the Department get in touch with him in this matter.

Enclosure

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TWO, ISG. REMYTEL TWELTYEIGHT LAST CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF NYS
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE HENRY GREENBERG REQUESTING BUREAU TO FURNISH
HIM COPIES OF CVETIC REPORTS HE SUBMITTED AS BUREAU INFORMANT IN CON-
NECTION WITH CURRENT ACTION AGAINST TWO BY NYS INSURANCE COMMISSION.
PAUL WILLIAMS, NYS AG REPRESENTING THE COMMISSION IN THIS CASE,
ADVISED THIS DATE THAT JUSTICE GREENBERG HAS INDICATED TO HIM THAT HE
PERSONALLY IS NOT GREATLY DESIROUS OF HAVING THOSE REPORTS MADE
AVAILABLE TO HIM AND IS NOT INCLINED TO PRESS THE ISSUE. HOWEVER,
IF AS INDICATED IN RETEL THE TWO COUNCIL SUBMITS A LETTER CONTAINING
SUCH REQUESTS FOR HIS SIGNATURE HE WILL SIGN IT. MR. WILLIAMS FEELS
THAT IT IS VERY POSSIBLE SUCH REQUESTS WILL BE DIRECTED TO USA SAYPOL,
SDNY, AND A MERE REFUSAL OF THIS REQUEST WILL BE ACCEPTED BY JUDGE
GREENBERG AS FINAL. TRIAL IN THIS MATTER WILL NOT BE RENEWED UNTIL
MARCH SIX NEXT. FOR YOUR INFO ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER
WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED THE BUREAU.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: March 26, 1951

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George Fishman of Warner Brothers Pictures came in today. He stated some time next week they contemplate having a print of the picture based upon the Matthew Cuetic story "I Was a Communist Spy for the FBI." He stated a final title had not been assigned to this picture but this would probably be done in the next few days, and he doubted that they would use the title above-mentioned.

Mr. Fishman stated Warner Brothers contemplates taking Cuetic to the various cities where there are Hearst papers and getting the local Hearst papers to sponsor Cuetic along with American Legion Posts. He wondered if we had any objection to this. I told him frankly it was too late for them to come to us for advice, they could do whatever they wished.

He then wondered if it would be possible for the Director to do a short recording pointing out the need for citizens to report information to the FBI. I told him the Director had spoken on this subject on numerous occasions but under no circumstances would the Director make a recording which would be utilized with the picture. He understood this and asked that I forget he asked. I told him that we simply would not have any part in doing anything which would constitute an endorsement of this or any other picture.

cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Jones

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IWO, IS-C. MR. PAUL WILLIAMS, SPECIAL NYS AG REPRESENTING NY INSURANCE
COMMISSION IN ITS CURRENT ACTION AGAINST IWO, ADVISED THIS OFFICE IN
CONFIDENCE THIS DATE THAT THE LOCAL USA-S OFFICE HAS DECIDED TO HAVE
AG-S ASSISTANT MR. MC INERNEY DIRECT A LETTER TO JUSTICE GREENBERG
STATING THAT ^{MATTHEW}CVETIC-S REPORTS CANNOT BE PRODUCED FOR HIS PERUSAL BY
REASON OF DEPARTMENTAL ORDER THREE TWO TWO NINE AND SO PHRASING HIS
COMMUNICATION AS TO ANSWER MINOR POINTS RAISED IN THIS RESPECT BY
THE DEFENSE. THE TRIAL IS RECESSED UNTIL MARCH TWENTYSIX ON WHICH
DATE IT IS EXPECTED THE DEFENSE WILL BEGIN TO PLACE ITS WITNESSES ON
THE STAND WITH INDICATIONS THAT RUBIN SALTZMAN, GENERAL SECRETARY,
JPFO, AND VP, IWO, WILL BE THEIR FIRST WITNESSES.

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IWO, IS - C. TRIAL OF IWO VS. NY STATE INSURANCE COMMISSION RESUMED
HERE TODAY. THE ONLY DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PRODUCTION OF MATTHEW CVETIC
REPORTS AS DEMANDED BY THE DEFENSE WAS THE SUBMISSION TO THE JUDGE OF CVETIC
A BRIEF BY THE DEFENSE URGING HIS DEMANDING THE PRODUCTION OF
THOSE REPORTS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS PARTICIPATING
IN THE CASE AND THAT HE SHOULD BE GIVEN NO MORE CONSIDERATION THAN ANY
OTHER INDIVIDUAL APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT. THE JUDGE ACCEPTED THE
BRIEF BUT MADE NO COMMENT CONCERNING IT. [REDACTED] REPRESENTING
THE STATE INSURANCE COMMISSION, CONFERRED WITH AUSA [REDACTED]
CONCERNING THIS MATTER AND HAS ADVISED THIS OFFICE IN CONFIDENCE THAT
ROTH INFORMED HIM HE PLANS TO APPEAR IN COURT ON MARCH TWENTYSIX, NEXT,
OR LATER THEREAFTER AND ADVISED THE JUDGE THAT THE RECORDS CAN NOT BE
PRODUCED UNDER DEPARTMENTAL ORDER NUMBER THREE TWO TWO NINE, AND SUPPLIED
THE JUDGE WITH A COPY OF THAT ORDER AND STATED THAT IT IS BEING INVOKED
BECAUSE THE REPORTS CONCERNED ARE CONFIDENTIAL. FOR INFO.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: April 2, 1951

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DATE 7-31-89 BY SP7mac/hr

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By reference from the Director's office, at 12:55 P.M. today Harry Warner of Warner Brothers telephoned from New York and advised he had just come in from the coast and had seen the finished film, "I Was a Communist Spy for the FBI." This is the film based on the Matt Cvetic case.

Warner stated he wanted the Director to know that he had just come down from the projection room with tears in his eyes; that this was a great film and he felt it could do more good than all of the money in the world and that he would like the Director to see it either in New York or in Washington, and that, of course, he would want to have the Director see it on the quiet with no publicity attached whatsoever.

Warner stated he would be glad to come to Washington with the film if the Director would like to see it, as the Director may have some ideas of his own on the film. He said the picture is to have its first public showing in Pittsburgh on April 19th, and while he repeatedly said he wanted no publicity, it is obvious that he would like to get the Director's reaction to the film. He asked to be called back at Warner Brothers office in New York, or at the Hampshire House, where he has Apartment 1610, in New York City.

It is recommended that we tell Mr. Warner, in view of the Director's schedule and commitments at the present time, it would be impossible to see the film at the present time, ANY specific time but if they want to send a print as his representatives have told us Director will try to see it.

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any specific time but if they want to send a print as his representatives have told us Director will try to see it.

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I doubt the wisdom of this, since it will be followed by a request for an endorsement.

I concur.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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DIRECTOR, FBI.....URGENT

MATTHEW CVETIC, INFO CONCERNING. PROGRAM DIRECTOR MR. AL ZINK,

TELEVISION STATION WRGB, SCHENECTADY, NY, ADVISED TODAY THAT CVETIC

WILL APPEAR THAT STATION ON COMMERCIAL PROGRAM TEN THIRTY TO TEN

FORTYFIVE PM APRIL TWENTYONE. WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY ONE OF THEIR

ANNOUNCERS RE QUOTE UNDERCOVER WORK WITH FBI UNQUOTE. ZINK STATED

THIS PROGRAM WAS ARRANGED BY ADVERTISING AGENCY AND THAT HE DESIRED

TO INFORM THIS OFFICE OF THE NATURE OF THE PROGRAM. THE ABOVE IS

FOR THE BUREAU-S INFORMATION. NO ACTION TAKEN BY THIS OFFICE.

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cc: Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : Mr. J. H. Belmont *JH*

SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER CNDI
PITTSBURGH OFFICE)

DATE: December 27, 1950

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PURPOSE

To recommend that the attached memorandum be approved for transmittal to the Criminal Division of the Department, which furnishes the name of Matthew Cvetic as a potential witness in connection with the Internal Security Act of 1950.

DETAILS

Matthew Cvetic, former CNDI of the Pittsburgh Office, was a paid confidential informant from February 1943 to January 1950. Shortly thereafter, Cvetic testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in a spectacular expose of Communist Party activities in the Pittsburgh area.

Inasmuch as the Attorney General has indicated that the case against the Communist Party, USA, under the Internal Security Act of 1950, is weak, particularly after 1945, it is felt that Cvetic may be in a position to strengthen that case. On the other hand, this informant has a very erratic record with the Bureau and the Bureau considered discontinuing him on several occasions as a confidential informant.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the attached memorandum be approved for transmittal to the Criminal Division, pointing out the assets and liabilities of this former informant as a witness in connection with the case against the Communist Party, USA, under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

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an informant, Cvetic was married, buying his own home and had two sons who were twins. Cvetic came from a large family, having six brothers and four sisters. His mother and father were naturalized citizens, having both been born in Austria. Cvetic gave every indication at the time of his development as an informant of being a responsible, capable person. Information had been previously furnished that Cvetic was arrested and indicted for assault and battery upon his sister-in-law in 1939. A nolle-prosequi was entered the same year. During the course of the handling of this individual as an informant, the FBI had numerous difficulties; however, in view of the value of the information which he was furnishing, his services were not discontinued, but this was seriously considered on several occasions. He separated from his wife and started living in a rather expensive hotel room. In March 1947 the informant told his girl friend, her parents and his brother that he was supplying information to the FBI. This, of course, was in violation of Bureau instructions to him. In May 1948 he asked for \$100 a week as payment for his services instead of the \$65 which he was being paid. He stated that he was paying \$105 a month for a hotel room and was paying \$75 a month to his divorced wife for the support of his twin sons, and he was further indebted in the amount of \$450. In December 1948 he told an individual connected with the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company that he was an undercover man for the FBI. In March 1949 it was ascertained that Cvetic had been contacting a psychiatrist for some time and that Cvetic was the victim of a firmly-fixed "anxiety neurosis" being of the unjustifiable conviction that he suffered from heart disease. This had no basis in fact.

In recent years there has been an indication that Cvetic is a needy individual subject to alternating periods of enthusiasm, self-pity and depression.

As indicated above, although the Bureau experienced considerable difficulty with this informant, it was felt that the information was of such value that his discontinuance as an informant was held in abeyance until on January 23, 1950, the final steps were taken to discontinue his services. At that time Cvetic stated he held no ill will toward the FBI.

The above data is being furnished for your consideration in connection with the captioned matter.

Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney
Criminal Division

December 27, 1950

Director, FBI

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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference is made to your memorandum of November 22, 1950, wherein you advised the Bureau that proof of the various relevant activities of the Communist Party, USA, after 1945 is not strong and you requested that additional witnesses be made available who can testify concerning the activities of the Communist Party after 1945.

This will call attention to Matthew Cvetic, who, you will recall, appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities early this year in a spectacular expose of Communism in the Pittsburgh area.

For your confidential information, Matthew Cvetic was a paid confidential informant of the FBI from February 1943 until January 1950. During the number of years that Cvetic was connected with the Communist Party, he furnished considerable details concerning Communist Party activity in the Pittsburgh area, particularly among the foreign element and on a national basis concerning foreign language groups. During the course of his informant activities, Cvetic was an Executive Committee member of the Tom Paine Branch, East End Club; North Side Club; Organizer for the Lawrenceville Club; member of the Educational Committee of Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party; member of the District Committee of Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party; member of the Nationality Commission, Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party; and Secretary of the Slavic Bureau of the Communist Party. He has held numerous positions in various Communist Party front organizations such as the American Slav Congress, Yugoslav Relief, American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, International Workers Order, etc. He was a confidant of Roy Hudson, former Chairman of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, and has had contacts with Steve Nelson, present Chairman of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

Cvetic has appeared publicly and has furnished considerable information concerning the activities of the Communist movement of Western Pennsylvania.

Although Cvetic is in a position to furnish considerable valuable information concerning Communist Party activities, there is another side to the ledger which should be taken into consideration prior to utilizing this individual as a witness. Cvetic was born March 4, 1909, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He attended St. Mary's Parochial School, from which he graduated. He attended St. Vincent's College for two years, Curry Business College for two years, and took a correspondence course given by the International Criminologist School, Seattle, Washington. At the time of his development as

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*

SUBJECT: CP; USA
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

DATE: December 13, 1950

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In connection with the preparation of the supplemental prosecutive summary report in this matter the New York Office by teletype dated December 12, requested the Pittsburgh Division to interview Cvetko unless the Bureau instructed to the contrary. New York suggested that if Cvetko were not to be interviewed the Pittsburgh Office should review the material submitted by him for the purpose of determining what data can be used in connection with this matter. *Pittsburgh*

By teletype dated December 15, the Bureau instructed the Pittsburgh Office that Cvetko was not to be used in connection with this case.

Supervisor [] of the New York Office called today and inquired as to the interpretation of the word "used" as regards Cvetko. [] wanted to know whether the material furnished by Cvetko should be reviewed and included in the supplemental prosecutive summary or whether not only was Cvetko not to be interviewed but any material furnished likewise was not to be included. *b6
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In view of the fact that Cvetko has proven himself to be unreliable in his dealings with the Bureau, [] was instructed to go ahead with the preparation of the report, omitting the material furnished by Cvetko at this time. It is believed, however, that the possible usage of Cvetko as a witness should be presented to the Department for appropriate consideration and instruction. *b6
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Albany
 SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC

DATE: April 24, 1951

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Re SAC Letter #32, dated 4/7/51.

For the Bureau's information, CVETIC has been in the Albany area for the past week, in connection with the publicity campaign preceding the showing of the film entitled "I Was A Communist Spy."

I was contacted by [] General Manager of Warner Brothers for this area, and who is a personal friend of mine, at which time he asked me to introduce CVETIC on a television program broadcast by WRGB as a public service. I advised [] that I could not participate in such a program.

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SA [] the Resident Agent in Watertown, New York, received a similar request from the local representative of Warner Brothers Theater to appear on a radio program advertising this picture. I instructed [] to respectfully decline.

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For the Bureau's information, CVETIC appeared on a television broadcast Sunday night, April 22nd, broadcast over WRGB, the General Electric Station and only television station in this area. He outlined his work with the FBI and went to some extent into the theoretical discussion of Communism. He pointed out that he had contacted over 300 "Soviet Agents" and made their identities known to the FBI, along with a large number of active Communist Party members. He did not make a good impression on television, since most of his information was read from a script, and his voice was definitely not suited for radio.

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Time Not Ripe, Russia Not Ready For Global War, FBI Spy Says

Agent Here for
Revealing Film

"Red Russia will not let itself become involved in a major war until the time is ripe and she is ready—neither the time is ripe, nor is Russia ready."

Matt Cvetic, who was an FBI spy in the high circles of international Communism for nine years, said that has been the party line at all times, and believes the Kremlin would not risk setback despite present-day world conditions.

GENERAL MACARTHUR, in his address to the Congress and the people of this country, indicated similar thinking, when pressing the four points that could be followed to end the conflict in Asia, and Korea.

Mr. Cvetic is in Albany in connection with the showing of the motion picture "I Was A Communist for the FBI," based upon his experiences in the party during nine years.

The pint-sized Communist masquerader declared that the "great debate" between General MacArthur and the State department over policy in the Far East points



MATT CVETIC

"9 Years on Inside"

to a healthy condition in the country.

"The expression of opinions on the issue brings more sharply into focus the wide difference between Democracy and Communism," he said.

"The very fact we are permitted to criticize in this country is evidence of Democracy at work. If a similar situation occurred in Russia, a General like MacArthur would be shot and the people would never heard of him again."

The picture will play at the

Spent 9 Years in
Top Red Circles

Strand theatre, starting Wednesday. Frank Lovejoy, veteran actor, will play the part of Cvetic, and will be supported by a cast including Dorothy Hart and Philip Carey.

CVETIC SAID the American Communist Party is "nothing but a front organization for the Kremlin."

"All orders and directives come from Moscow," he said. There is not a Communist in this country who has power to a directive."

He added that William Randolph Hearst and all Hearst newspapers are the worst enemies of Communists here and abroad, and revealed that the Reds "at every possible opportunity aim smear campaigns" toward Mr. Hearst and his publications.

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(F) "I WAS A COMMUNIST SPY" MOTION PICTURE -- The Warner Brothers motion picture "I Was A Communist Spy," based upon the activities of Matt Cvetic, a former Bureau informant, will be released within the next few weeks. The Bureau did not approve this picture and had absolutely nothing to do with its production. If you are asked to attend a reception or to participate in any publicity program in connection with the release of this picture, you should tactfully decline. No comment should be made in connection with this picture.

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MATT CVETIC, INFORMATION CONCERNING. CVETIC WHO TESTIFIED AS GOVERNMENT WITNESS AT TRIAL OF COMMUNIST LEADERS IN NEW YORK AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES TO THE SATURDAY EVENING POST MAGAZINE CONCERNING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE FBI AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND ROTARY CLUB ON TUESDAY MAY FIRST NEXT. ADDRESS WILL BE MADE BY CVETIC AS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT PROVIDENCE ROTARY CLUB MEETING TO BE HELD SHERATON-BILTMORE HOTEL, PROVIDENCE. UACB NO ACTION BEING TAKEN THIS DIVISION.

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cc: Mr. Belmont

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Mr. Pennington ✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

WA 10 FROM PHILADELPHIA

5-1-51

DIRECTOR.....DEFERRED.....

MATT CVETIC, SPEECHES IN LANCASTER, PA., MAY THREE FIFTYONE.

[REDACTED] PUBLICITY AGENT, WARNER BROS. PICTURES, LANCASTER, PA., ADVISED SA PHILIP M. CULLEN THIS DATE THAT MATT CVETIC WOULD SPEAK IN LANCASTER, PA., MAY THREE FIFTYONE AT FRANKLIN AND MARSHAL COLLEGE - TO SUPERVISORS OF HAMILTON WATCH CO. WHICH CO. HAS CLASSIFIED CONTRACTS - AND POSSIBLY TO SUPERVISORS OF ARMSTRONG CORK CO. INVITATION TO ATTEND SPEECH DECLINED BY SA CULLEN. SPEECHES WILL BE COVERED THRU PUBLIC SOURCES ONLY. IT IS BELIEVED CVETIC-S APPEARANCE IS PUBLICITY FOR PICTURE QUOTE I WAS A COMMUNIST SPY WITH THE FBI UNQUOTE DUE TO APPEAR IN LANCASTER SHORTLY.

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c c m n. Belmont

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MATTHEW EVETIC

FBI SAN ANTONIO 5-7-51 10-52 AM CST

DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

MOTION PICTURE QUOTE I WAS A COMMUNIST FOR THE FBI UNQUOTE.

 PUBLICITY DIRECTOR, INTERSTATE THEATERS, SAN ANTONIO, ADVISES

ABOVE PICTURE TO OPEN MAY TEN NEXT IN SAN ANTONIO, REQUESTS PHOTOGRAPH
OF THE DIRECTOR TO BE USED FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES. WAS ADVISED

IT WAS DOUBTFUL IF A PHOTOGRAPH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

SUCH A PHOTOGRAPH IS AVAILABLE IN THIS OFFICE IF BUREAU DESIRES THAT

IT BE MADE AVAILABLE. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY THIS PHOTOGRAPH WILL

NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CHALMAN.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Mr. Alden	✓
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Reference is made to our previous correspondence relative to the possible utilization of Matthew Cvetic as a prospective Government witness in the proceedings before the Subversive Activities Control Board under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The Criminal Division of the Department has advised that inasmuch as Mr. Cvetic has now completed testifying, an attorney of the Criminal Division desires to interview Cvetic in the near future in order to ascertain if he would make a good witness before the Board.

The Pittsburgh Office should contact Mr. Cvetic and ascertain if he can be interviewed in Pittsburgh by an attorney from the Criminal Division in the immediate future.

The Pittsburgh Office is also requested to promptly advise the Bureau if there was any testimony in the recent State sedition case given by Cvetic which was attacked on cross examination or any other information which would reflect on Cvetic's ability as a capable witness. Expedite reply.

(Mr. Lawrence Bailey, Attorney in the Criminal Division of the Department requested that Mr. Cvetic be contacted in this regard.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

DATE: April 24, 1951

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Re Mr. Nichols' memorandum of April 20, 1951. I called ASAC Johnson of Pittsburgh, in the absence of SAC Soucy, at 9:20 A.M., April 24. I advised him that as a build-up for the Warner Brothers picture "I Was a Communist Spy for the FBI," allegedly depicting Cvetic's activities as an informant, Cvetic is appearing on various radio programs, etc. He is making statements which are not true. Specifically, in connection with a script for the Louella Parsons show of April 20, Cvetic made the following statements:

1. While talking about Communist retaliation against witnesses who divulge Communist programs and activities, he states, "in the FBI we know witnesses....who were disposed of." He then states one way of doing it is to insert a poison needle in the body of one of these individuals, they die a few hours later, and there is no evidence of foul play."

2. He says he knows a Communist who is the head of a waterworks in one of the largest California cities; that this Communist could poison the city's population in a matter of hours. This Communist is presently being protected but "we" will get him in due time.

I told Mr. Johnson to find out where Cvetic is and have him interviewed at once to find out who the witnesses are who, he alleges, were disposed of; in what instance a poison needle was used; and to find out who the Communist is who heads the waterworks in the California city and how he is being protected. (Johnson was told that Cvetic later stated this city is Long Beach, California.) In addition, I told Johnson that Cvetic is in no position to speak for the Bureau or to present the Bureau's viewpoint and, consequently, his use of the term "we" as speaking for the FBI is offensive and inaccurate. I told him to bring this to the attention of Cvetic.

I told Johnson that the interview should be on the basis that Cvetic should "put up or shut up." Johnson was instructed to call the Bureau as soon as this interview is completed or to notify us if Cvetic is not in Pittsburgh so the interview can be conducted elsewhere.

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ADDENDUM: April 24, 1951

At 11:10 A.M. ASAC Johnson of Pittsburgh called and advised that a check there revealed that Cvetic is in New York City and was expected to be there until Saturday, April 28. Mr. Johnson stated that Cvetic is staying at the Park Sheraton Hotel, telephone number Circle 7-8000.

In the absence of ASAC Whelan, Supervisor Robert Granville of New York was furnished with the above information and instructed to interview Cvetic immediately. The same specific instructions as described above were given to Mr. Granville and he was requested to handle this interview promptly; also that the Bureau should be notified of the results of the interview as soon as it is completed.

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Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Miss Gandy	✓

MATTHEW CVETIC, INFO CONC. ATTENTION A. H. BELMONT. RE TELEPHONE CALL OF MR LAUGHLIN OF BUREAU, TWENTYFOURTH INST, RELATIVE TO CERTAIN STATEMENTS MADE BY CVETIC SPECIFICALLY IN CONNECTION WITH A SCRIPT FOR THE LOUELLA PARSONS SHOW OF APR TWENTY, FIFTYONE. CVETIC INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND EMPHATICALLY DENIES MAKING THE STATEMENT "IN THE FBI WE KNOW WITNESSES WHO WERE DISPOSED OF. ONE WAY OF DOING IT IS TO INSERT A POISON NEEDLE IN THE BODY OF ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. THEY DIE IN A FEW HOURS LATER AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF FOUL PLAY." HE NOT ONLY DENIES MAKING THE STATEMENT ON PARSONS SHOW BUT ALSO DENIES MAKING THE STATEMENT AT ANY TIME OR AT ANY PLACE. HE STATES THAT HE HAS NEVER REFERRED TO POISON NEEDLES FOR RETALIATION BUT STATES THAT HE HAS ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS STATED THAT IN RUSSIA, PEOPLE WHO FALL OUT WITH THE PARTY ARE LIQUIDATED BUT THAT IN THE U. S. THIS SAME TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL IS SMEARED BY THE CP. CVETIC STATED THAT HE DID MAKE THE STATEMENT THAT HE KNEW A COMMUNIST WHO IS THE HEAD OF A WATERWORKS IN ONE OF THE LARGEST CALIFORNIA CITIES AND THAT THIS COMMUNIST COULD POISON THE CITY-S POPULATION IN A MATTER OF HOURS. HE STATED HE WAS REFERRING TO [REDACTED] WORKING IN THE LONG BEACH, CALIF, WATERWORKS. HE STATED THAT HE HAD ATTENDED CP CLASSES WITH HIM IN PITTSBURGH AND HAD FURNISHED THIS INFO TO THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION. HE ADDED THAT [REDACTED] WAS WORKING AT THE WATERWORKS AS LATE AS LAST

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OCTOBER. WHILE IN PITTSBURGH, [] WAS WORKING FOT THE US BUREAU OF MINES. CVETIC DENIED MAKING THE STATEMENT THAT "THIS COMMUNIST IS PRESENTLY BEING PROTECTED BUT -WE- WILL GET HIM IN DUE TIME." HE STATED THAT HE NEITHER MADE THAT STATEMENT OR ANY STATEMENT SIMILAR THERETO ON PARSONS PROGRAM OR ANY OTHER PROGRAM. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE IS EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS IN MAKING IT CLEAR THAT HE IS IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH THE FBI AND TRIES TO AVOID USING "WE" IN HIS STATEMENTS WHICH MIGHT LEAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE IS WORKING WITH THE FBI OR SPEAKING FOR THE FBI. CVETIC STATED THAT HE NEVER DISCUSSES WITNESSES ON ANY PROGRAM BUT DEALS GENERALLY WITH THE QUESTION OF COMMUNISM. CVETIC WAS CAUTIONED THAT HE SHOULD BE VERY CAREFUL IN HIS STATEMENTS THAT WILL IN ANY WAY TIE HIM IN WITH THE FBI AS SPEAKING FOR IT AND FURTHER THAT THE FBI WOULD NOT TOLERATE ANY STATEMENT OF HIS WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE OFFENSIVE TO THE BUREAU. CVETIC WAS CORDIAL AND STATED THAT HE WILL RESPECT THE BUREAU-S DESIRES IN THIS REGARD. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN THIS MATTER. THE BUREAU-S ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE FACT THAT THE PARSONS APRIL TWENTY BROADCAST WAS MADE FROM HOLLYWOOD, CALIF, AND NOT NY AND THAT CVETIC DID NOT ACTUALLY APPEAR ON THE PROGRAM BUT IT WAS THE RESULT OF A TELEPHONIC RECORDING. CVETIC ALSO STATED THAT THE BROADCAST WAS NOT ON APRIL TWENTY BUT RATHER SUNDAY, APR TWENTYSECOND.

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*cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Laughlin*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

DATE: April 20, 1951

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With reference to the alleged statement of Matthew Cvetic, I checked with SAC Hood, who in turn contacted [redacted] of the Robert Orr Advertising Agency. [redacted] told Hood that the interview was being radically revised, however, the subject matter of the interview was furnished to a staff writer, [redacted] by Cvetic.

Cvetic declined to further identify the poison needle incident, stating that Long Beach, California, was the city where the chemist was connected who had access to the water supply.

It is suggested the Security Division have Cvetic interviewed at which time he should be required to put up or shut up.

It is also noted that Cvetic, according to SAC Wall at Albany, was to appear on a commercial program on Radio Station WRGB on April 21st. I think we should also ask Cvetic about other stories he is telling. I think when we get results from this interview we should then say something to the exploitation department of Warner Brothers which is responsible for his current series of television and radio programs.

cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: April 16, 1951

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: WARNER BROTHERS PICTURE
"I WAS A COMMUNIST SPY FOR THE FBI"

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SAC Hood called from Los Angeles.

[redacted] of the Robert Orr Advertising Agency *Bennett* which handles Louella Parsons' program, came in to see him today with a script for the Louella Parsons show of April 22. In this show, Louella Parsons has on her program Frank Lovejoy who impersonated Matt Cvetic in the Warner Brothers picture "I Was a Communist Spy for the FBI." They also have a long distance recording of a telephone conversation with Cvetic.

Cvetic talks about Hollywood protecting Larry Parks and Sterling Hayden and of Communist retaliation against witnesses who divulge Communist programs and activities and then states "in the FBI, we know witnesses . . . who were disposed of." Cvetic then states one way of doing it is to insert a poison needle in the body of one of these individuals, they die a few hours later, and there is no evidence of foul play.

Cvetic then talks about the fact he knows a Communist who is the head of a water works in one of the largest California cities, that this Communist could poison the city's population in a matter of hours. This Communist is presently being protected but that "he" will get him in due time.

I told Hood to see [redacted] and first of all point out to [redacted] that while we have not made any public comment on Matthew Cvetic we want [redacted] to know for his own personal and confidential information that while Cvetic had been a paid informant for a period of time with the Bureau, nevertheless it was necessary for the Bureau to discontinue his services because of his unreliability; secondly, Cvetic has no right to presume to speak for the FBI as is connoted by his use of the word "we," that Hood feels [redacted] should know that it might be necessary for us to publicly deny Cvetic's alleged insinuations; thirdly, Hood would like for [redacted] to immediately identify the case wherein a witness was disposed of with the poison needle; and fourthly, to immediately identify the Communist who is the head of a water works.

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Hood stated [redacted] was very much upset when he contacted him, that he has a very definite feeling that [redacted] is doing a radical revision of the script.

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TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

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FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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I talked to [redacted] one of the representatives of the Advertising Department of Warner Brothers Pictures, and pointed out that they would have to exercise some control over Cvetic and referred to the recent harebrained interview Cvetic tried to pawn off on Louella Parson's but was caught in the act.

[redacted] stated this was atrocious and they would try to do something.

CC: Mr. Ladd

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He called back and stated it would not happen again or Cvetic would be fired.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 26 1951

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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The Warner Brothers film "I was a Communist for the FBI" had its world premier at the Stanley Theater, Pittsburgh, Pa., April 19, 1951.

The movie was viewed by SA'S [redacted], and [redacted] on April 20, 1951, and the following comments are furnished for the information of the Bureau.

Resume of the Plot

The story opens with CVETIC already highly placed in the CP and completely trusted by the leaders of the Party as a loyal and fanatical Party member. The picture then develops CVETIC'S difficult and distasteful assignment, for he is scorned by his family, ridiculed and ostracized by his neighbors, and finally disowned by his son.

EXPEDITE PROCESSING

The picture very strongly shows how the Communists scientifically and methodically create distrust and friction by pointing up the suppression of the Negro and stirring up hate for the different religions. The tactics used by the Communists to control a union meeting are graphically illustrated in the picture. It shows a typical meeting of a steel union where the Communists place themselves strategically on the floor and among the presiding officers and continue to conduct a fillibuster until most union members, tired out from a long day in the mill, become weary as hour after hour goes by with no issue settled or put to a vote. It shows these union members slowly drifting out of the meeting until the Communists feel they are ready to make their move, at which time the issue at stake is voted upon and passed according to the plans originally laid down by the Party leaders.

The picture also shows that a small group of disciplined Communists can control and incite labor and that they use gullible intellectuals to forward the cause of the CP even though they hold these same intellectuals in great contempt.

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The story continues with CVETIC writing a letter to his son in which he explains his under-cover role. He entrusted this letter to his parish priest to be given to his son in the event of his sudden death.

CVETIC makes the acquaintance of his son's school teacher who, as it turns out, is also a member of the CP and who is assigned by party leaders to watch and report on CVETIC'S movements.

At the funeral of CVETIC'S mother, the priest returns CVETIC'S letter to him stating that he has been called to Rome. This letter is surreptitiously picked up by the school teacher after CVETIC accidentally loses it. She reads the letter but does not report CVETIC'S true role to the Party leaders.

After the school teacher witnessed the organized brutality of Party goons at a picket line, she became disillusioned and told the Party leaders that she would quit the Party and expose all Party members among the school teachers in Pittsburgh.

CVETIC, aware that the Party intends to liquidate the school teacher, aids her to escape, and subsequent scenes show the chase with CVETIC shooting it out with two Communist thugs assigned to kill the teacher. Also at this point a lone FBI agent, who was assigned to cover the teacher's apartment, is killed by these two thugs.

Throughout the movie, CVETIC asks that his true role be made public since he can no longer stand the hatred to which he is subjected. His chance finally comes to vindicate himself when he is notified that his testimony will be needed at the trial of the eleven CP leaders in New York City. The movie records his disappointment when he is told that his testimony will not be needed. But he feels that his opportunity to reveal himself as a true and loyal American has finally arrived when he is told by the leaders of the local CP that they have been called to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington, D. C.

CVETIC is then shown testifying before this Committee. The story ends with a reunion with his son and brother after the

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Committee hearings, with CVETIC finally able to drop his disguise as a Communist and able to make his identity known as an under-cover agent of the FBI.

Portrayal of Bureau Personnel

There were four or five Bureau agents portrayed throughout the movie. The actors who play the parts of agents handle their roles with dignity and with convincing realism; and, in their performances, they show the agents to be quiet, efficient, and sympathetic young men. Nothing critical of the Bureau or Bureau personnel was noted.

Portrayal of Bureau Techniques

The movie, of course, in its main theme reveals that the Bureau utilizes informants within the CP to report on Communist activities.

Further, the movie showed Bureau agents contacting informants by picking them up in a car and that the interview is conducted while driving to lessen the danger of being overheard and followed.

The movie also shows that Party headquarters and other places where CP meetings are held are surveilled through the use of microphones and that pertinent conversations are recorded. It is noted that the movie only showed the use of wire recorders.

At one point in the story, it was indicated by Bureau agents that CVETIC himself had installed a microphone for a CP meeting in a hotel suite.

No mention was made in the movie about CVETIC'S pay or his source of income. The picture did not go into CVETIC'S development by the Bureau as an informant.

At one point of the story when CVETIC stated that he could stand the deception no longer and asked that he be exposed as an informant he was told by one of the Bureau agents that he could reveal his role as an informant but that if he did the Bureau, even though it would do everything possible for him, would have to publicly disown him.

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Movie Critics' Reviews

KASPAR ~~MONAHAN~~ of the "Pittsburgh Press" and LEONARD ~~MENDLOWITZ~~ of the "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph," movie critics of these two leading Pittsburgh daily newspapers, both favorably reviewed the CVETIC movie.

MENDLOWITZ reported that the picture is worthy and authentic; that it is thought provoking and worth seeing; and that it rams its message home through the direct route, pulling no punches along the line.

MONAHAN reported that it is a well-acted crime thriller, awirl with action, tense with plotting, and sweetened with romance. He thought that the film would have been more convincing by a stricter adherence to the known truth, but, as he pointed out, this will make no difference to those who do not know the real truth surrounding the CVETIC affair.

SUMMARY

It is noted that the Stanley Theater was playing to a capacity audience and that the movie was well received. From the comments overheard during the course of the performance, it was gathered that the audience was in sympathy with CVETIC and displayed a great deal of distaste for the more obnoxious statements and techniques utilized by the Communists.

The audience registered surprise at the many techniques used by the CP to forward their cause. For example, many audible comments indicating surprise were overheard when the movie showed that CVETIC, as the Personnel Manager of a large steel company, made it a point to fire non-party members from their jobs and to rehire in their place card-carrying members of the party.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are four newspaper items concerning the movie's premier in Pittsburgh.

Matt Cvetic Steals Show At Premiere

Movie First-Nighters Cheer Real-Life Hero

The Communists took an awful beating here last night, and thousands roared their approval.

Cheers rocked the jammed Stanley Theater as Hollywood came to Pittsburgh with Matt Cvetic's story.

That's the true account of how he fooled the Reds for nine years and then enraged them by revealing that all the time he was an undercover FBI employe.

Big Ovation for Cvetic

The big audience obviously liked the movie, "I Was a Communist for the FBI," but saved its biggest ovation for the real life hero, pint-sized Matt Cvetic.

First, he was applauded on a platform outside the Stanley. There, for the world premiere of the startling expose of Pittsburgh Reds, a regular Hollywood first night was staged.

Seventh St. was blocked off to make room for the surging crowd that thoroughly enjoyed the bands, speeches and glaring spotlights.

Tamburitzans Dance

Various nationality groups, including Mr. Cvetic's own Slovenes, added color that overflowed into the theater.

There, before the film began, the Duquesne University Tamburitzans frolicked and danced on the stage. Tommy Bartlett, of the National Broadcasting Co., was master of ceremonies.

Mayor David L. Lawrence commended Warner Bros. for making the film. Lively organ music by Bernie Armstrong of KDKA kept the crowd patting its collective feet.

Awards Given

The big moment came when Mr. Cvetic, alone on the stage, told of his nine lonely years as a "Commie," despised by his family and wondering if ever again he could live a normal life.

He and Warner Bros. were presented certificates of honor by the national office of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Then the crowd stood and cheered the little man who, almost single-handedly, threw the monkey-wrench into the Communist apparatus of Western Pennsylvania.

If any Reds were in the audience, they uttered not a peep.

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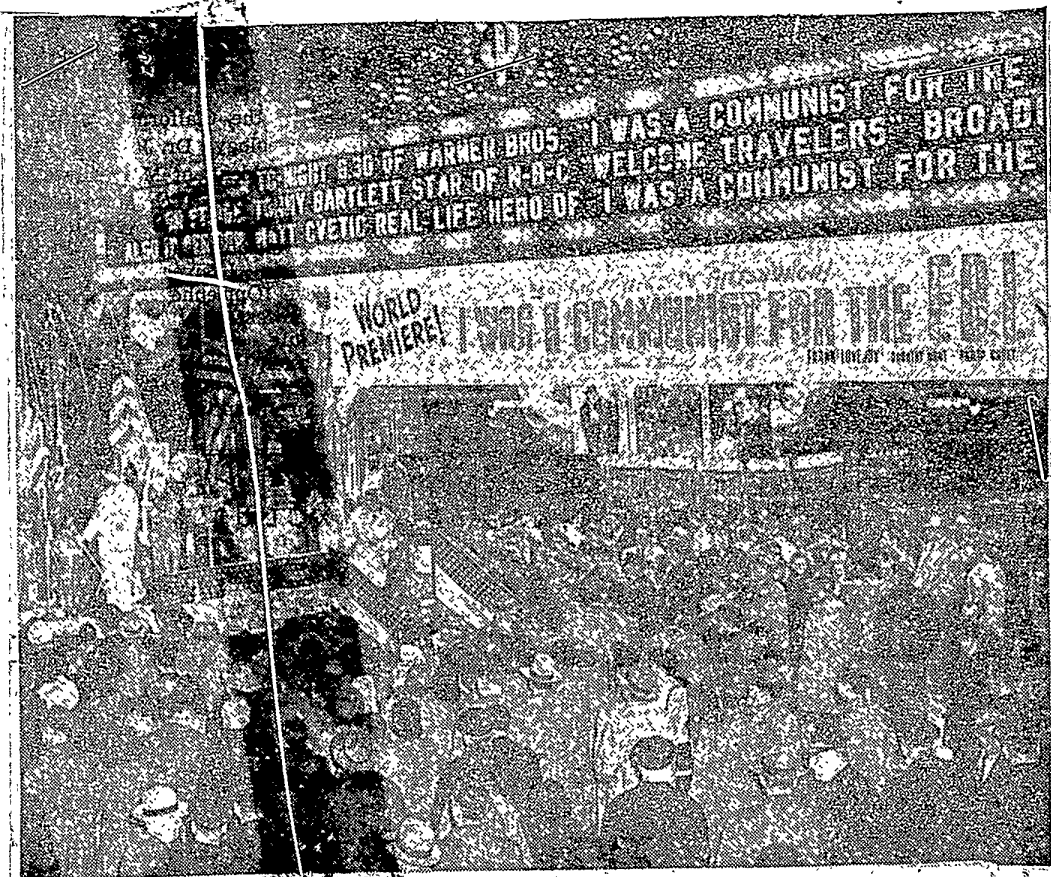
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NOTHING UNDERCOVER—Here's part of the crowd that jammed the Stanley Theater last night to see the world premiere of "I Was a Communist for the FBI." The movie is based on the experiences of Matt Cretic as an undercover agent among Communists in the Pittsburgh district.

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Cvetic Film Packs Power In Stanley

By LEONARD MENDLOWITZ

Warner Bros., with their penchant for converting topical headlines into timely pictures, have emerged with a robust melodrama in "I Was A Communist for the F.B.I.," which opened with much fanfare last night in the Stanley Theater.

The story of Matt Cvetic, which created such a sensation when it broke here several months ago, has all the earmarks of an exciting drama and special document. Although the Warners have added several lurid touches of their own to the basically sordid tale of the powerful organization the Communies set up in this industrial stronghold, the Stanley movie represents an earnest and true indictment of the evils of the Red menace in America.



Miss Hart

The picture pulls no punches as it shows how the Reds scientifically and methodically create distrust between races and religions in their efforts to cause confusion and disunity. Their efforts in pointing up the suppression of the Negroes and their tactics in involving Jews by wrapping up strike-breaking tools in Hebrew-printed papers is graphically detailed here in most convincing fashion. The Stanley picture also proves once more that fact can be much more exciting than fiction. The story of Cvetic, who was scorned by his own family, ridiculed by neighbors, and ostracized by every decent-minded person here needs no re-telling in this review. It's all in there, and done most effectively, too, with a modicum of sentimentality and a great deal of true, honest emotion.

"I Was A Communist for the F.B.I." describes too, the sickening and revolting details of the Commie methods in pitting the employers against their workers as well as the infiltration into our public schools by misguided teachers, some of whom actually believed in their cause.

Although the character of the teacher in this picture is fictitious, the movie suggests what an insidious influence Communism might wield in the classroom.

The personal drama of Matt Cvetic as he endangers everything worthwhile in his life for the cause of his country blends well with the overall dramatic events in this tight and well-

I Was a Communist for the FBI

A Warner Bros. picture, based on the experiences of Matt Cvetic as told to Peter Martin. Produced by Bryan Foy from a script by Crane Wilbur. Directed by Gordon Douglas. Presented in the Stanley Theater.

THE CAST

Matt Cvetic	Frank Lovejoy
Eve Merrick	Dorothy Hart
Mason	Philip Carey
Jim Blandon	James Millican
Crowley	Richard Webb
Gerhardt Elster	Konstantin Shayne
Joe Cvetic	Paul Picerni
Father Novak	Roy Roberts
Garmon	Eddie Norris
Dick Cvetic	Ron Hagerthy
Garson	Hugh Sanders
Ruth Cvetic	Hope Kramer

written script, based on Cvetic's amazing confessions.

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Only occasionally does the script get out of hand as Cvetic shoots it out with two Commie thugs, intent upon killing Dorothy Hart, who has had a change of heart about remaining in the party.

The picture ends, too, on a completely satisfying note as Cvetic is re-united with his sailor son in a crowded Washington courtroom after the father has exposed the Pittsburgh Red set-up.

Frank Lovejoy was an excellent choice for the Cvetic part, underplaying the role with great effectiveness. Much of the success of the Stanley's melodrama depends upon the interpretation of this difficult role, and Lovejoy whams home an always convincing delineation of the misunderstood spy in the Red ranks.

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Dorothy Hart, too, does well in her role of the idealistic school teacher who finds out almost too late that her views are completely foreign to the American way of life. James Millican is properly slimy as the head Commie here, while Philip Carey, Richard Webb, Konstantin Shayne (as Commie Gerhardt Elster), Roy Roberts, Edward Norris, Paul Picerni and Ron Hagerthy all play important parts.

Of all the pictures dealing with Pittsburgh, its history and its problem, this is by far the most worthy and the most authentic. The Warners have a picture every American will find thought-provoking and worth seeing. It certainly rams its message home through the direct route, pulling no punches anywhere along the line.

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Show Shops

Cvetic's Story Bows At the Stanley

By KASPAR MONAHAN

As the tumult and the shouting fades to an echo in the surrounding hills, let us take a good look at "I Was a Communist For the F. B. I."

The movie which made its world premiere bow last evening at the Stanley, with the customary hulla-balloo attending such events, is a well-acted crime thriller, a whirl with action, tense with plottings and sweetened with romance.

As an account of the near-decade in the life of Matt Cvetic when he was masquerading right here in Pittsburgh as a Commie in the employ of the F.B.I.—well, the movie-



makers have stretched the well-known "dramatic license" to the snapping point.

Fictional embellishments include the brutal murder of a Federal agent, slaying of two Red assassins by the Little Man Who Was There—Matt, himself, I mean, and other imaginary events cooked up by the movie scriptors.

Lovejoy as Matt

And Matt in the person of husky, square-jawed Frank Lovejoy is on the screen—a fellow with a Jack Dempsey punch whose falling fists all but knock holes in his adversaries, once they learn he has been playing false to the Kremlin.

However, outside of Pittsburgh and district, where the actual facts of the incredible case are either unknown or hazy, the film should carry a fair facsimile of reality—and certainly its entertainment-coated message should register in the minds of the moviegoers with good effect, i.e.:

Small, but well-disciplined groups of Communists threaten the peace and well-being of a community—particularly an industrial center such as Pittsburgh—by inciting labor and racial riots, infiltrating and ultimately controlling labor unions and by using gullible citizens to further the cause of the Moscow bosses.

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Theme Okay

The professional Commie is pictured for what he is—a cynical and pitiless seeker after power, a cold-blooded traitor suspicious of his own fellows.

As to this general theme, "I Was a Communist For the F.B.I." hews to the straight line of the growing accumulation of evidence supporting that conviction. And to that extent, the movie rings true.

As for the general tone and treatment—well, its cops-and-robbers stuff, but far better than the average so-called true-crime yarn on the radio or screen.

Warner Bros., understandably, had to hop up the story of Matt Cvetic to make it boxoffice fare, and I think they've succeeded. But those

of us who know Matt find it hard to swallow. Somehow it seems to me that the film could have been made considerably more convincing by stricter adherence to the known truth and by making the "reel" Matt Cvetic a character of some resemblance, as to physical appearance and personality, to the real Matt Cvetic.

Good Acting

The real Matt is mild in manner, small and round of build. The rugged and much taller Lovejoy is hard and aggressive. A good acting job it is—but it isn't Cvetic. (But of course that will make no difference to non-Pittsburghers—so Warners may be excused for the deception.)

The fetching Dorothy Hart is Matt's sweetheart—a school teacher who renounces Communism eventually, only to become a marked woman. The local Reds pronounce death sentence and dispatch their assassins—then Matt goes into action with gun and fist.

Certainly on the credit side is the personal drama and near-tragedy of a man, despised by his family and friends, through the long years of Matt Cvetic's patriotic masquerade.

This sets up the emotionally effective climax—Matt's startling testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee as his son, who had believed he was a traitor, hears the heartening truth.

A good supporting cast includes James Millican, Roy Roberts, Philip Carey, Eddie Norris and Konstantine Shayne—the latter as the notorious Gerhardt Eisler.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

DATE: May 10, 1951

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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SAC Soucy of Pittsburgh called at 11:00 A.M. today and stated that the Bureau had made inquiries by teletype of the Pittsburgh Office concerning the present whereabouts of Cvetic, who reportedly is in Washington somewhere at the present time.

Mr. Soucy stated that previous information indicated that Cvetic was staying at the Statler Hotel and could be reached there or in care of Warner Brothers Office in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Soucy stated that Cvetic called the Pittsburgh Office from Washington this morning and advised he was staying at the Carlton Hotel here.

It is noted that the Evening Star for May 9 carried an article that Cvetic was to give a talk at Catholic University at 12:15 P.M. today.

This information was made available immediately to Mr. Lawrence Bailey of the Department, who is working on the presentation of the case against the CP before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

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The following is a resume of the testimony furnished by MATTHEW CVETIC during the current sedition trial in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which was attacked under cross-examination, as obtained through the Pittsburgh daily newspapers and the WORKER and DAILY WORKER.

An article which appeared on page 3, column 1 of the April 6, 1951 issue of the PITTSBURGH SUN TELEGRAPH stated in substance that Chief Defense Attorney JOHN T. Mc TERNAN had attempted to discredit CVETIC'S testimony by forcing him to disclose that he was never employed by the United States Department of Labor as he had testified in other cases. (In the case against the IWO in New York, N. Y., and at a hearing in Pittsburgh, Pa., regarding TONY NUSS, District 5 CP member, who was removed from the Allegheny County Relief Rolls because of her alleged CP membership.) This article also stated that during his testimony CVETIC admitted erring when he testified that he had been employed for four years doing a survey for the WPA, when he was actually so employed for only a little over a year.

An article which appeared on page 3, column 6 of the April 7, 1951 issue of the PITTSBURGH SUN TELEGRAPH stated in substance that under cross-examination by McTERNAN, CVETIC admitted that he had "faked testimony" in a "Communist trial in New York" (probably in connection with the IWO), giving as his reason the fact that he did not wish to "tip his hand" about the FBI regarding the nature of the investigations being conducted by the FBI in the Pittsburgh, Pa. area. This article also stated that CVETIC admitted that his statement that he was employed as a carpenter's helper by Kaufmann's Department Store was not true. While not specified in the article, it is believed that this statement of CVETIC'S was probably made during the hearings regarding the IWO in New York.

Articles which appeared on page 9, column 3 of the April 7, 1951 issue of the PITTSBURGH POST GAZETTE and page 4, column 1 of the April 7, 1951 issue of the PITTSBURGH PRESS stated in substance that the defense had attempted to bring out that CVETIC had failed to report the salary he received from the FBI in his income tax returns during the entire period of his service as an informant. These articles stated, however, that objections to all questions along this line by the prosecuting attorney were sustained by presiding judge as irrelevant.

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An article which appeared on page 7, column 1 of the April 9, 1951 issue of the PITTSBURGH PRESS stated in substance that during the course of his testimony CVETIC admitted that while testifying at an earlier hearing regarding TONY NUSS, he had failed to include the name of ANDY ONDA (one of the defendants in the current sedition trial) as a "District Commie Director", whereas he had included ONDA as a "Director" of CP activities in Western Pennsylvania during the current sedition trial. This article also stated that CVETIC's explanation of this discrepancy was "I just did not add them all up." This article also stated that MC TERNAN questioned CVETIC to determine the reason he had used words "Board of Directors" (presumably referring to the principal District 5 CP functionaries) in the current sedition trial, whereas he had described this group as the "Bureau" at TONY NUSS'S hearing. The article stated that CVETIC'S explanation was "Bureau or Board, it is all the same thing."

An article which appeared on page 3, columns 1, 2 and 3 of the April 10, 1951 issue of the DAILY WORKER stated in substance that during the course of his testimony in connection with the hearings being conducted by the State of New York against the IWO, CVETIC had admitted filing sworn statements with the Treasury Department affirming that he had made true reports of his income, whereas he had never reported the money which he received from the FBI.

An article which appeared on page 11, columns 3, 4 and 5, April 12, 1951 issue of the DAILY WORKER stated in substance that CVETIC admitted that he had not written the articles which appeared in the "Saturday Evening Post" during 1950, dealing with his activities while an informant for the FBI, but was forced to admit that he had personally authorized these stories; had vouched for "every line in the manuscript", and yet that some of the articles were "not true."

An article which appeared on page 19, columns 4 and 5 on the April 13, 1951 issue of the DAILY WORKER stated in substance that CVETIC "had a bad time," when questioned by MC TERNAN regarding the charges of assault brought against him by his sister-in-law, but that objections by the prosecuting attorney to this line of questioning were sustained by the presiding judge. This article also stated that since Defense Attorney MC TERNAN had protested that since CVETIC had, in effect, pleaded guilty of a felony, such an admission affected his credibility.

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It is noted that CVETIC was arrested March 31, 1939 on an information filed by ANNA M. BARSH, his sister-in-law, on March 24, 1939, which charged that on February 18, 1939, CVETIC during the course of a dispute with BARSH fractured her wrist. CVETIC was indicted May 11, 1939 by the Allegheny County Grand Jury under true bill 466, charging aggravated assault and battery. On September 13, 1939, on a motion of the Allegheny County District Attorney and BARSH, a nolle prosequi was permitted by Judge THOMAS MARSHALL, Allegheny County Court of Quarter Sessions on the condition that CVETIC make restitution to BARSH in the amount of \$340.

It is noted that record of the Allegheny County Probation Office through which restitution was made by CVETIC indicated that full restitution was made by him on January 17, 1941.

An article which appeared on page 8, columns 1 and 2 of the April 15, 1951 issue of the WORKER stated in substance that CVETIC testified that he had selected the CP literature which was introduced in evidence by the prosecution through the testimony of Judge MICHAEL A. MUSMANNO, who preceded CVETIC as a witness for the prosecution. This article also stated, however, that CVETIC during his testimony admitted that he had not read FOUNDATIONS OF LENINISM and PROBLEMS OF LENINISM, both by JOSEPH STALIN or the "History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union" and several other books, which had been seized at District 5 CP Headquarters. This article also stated that under cross-examination, CVETIC admitted that he had not read various leaflets and pamphlets issued by District 5 CP, which had been introduced as evidence in the current sedition trial. This article further stated that CVETIC also admitted that he had not read the CP documents which he identified and introduced during the course of his testimony before the HCUA.

While, according to the Pittsburgh newspapers and the WORKER and DAILY WORKER, it was not brought out in the current sedition trial, it is noted that the records of the Office of the Prothonotary, Allegheny County, disclosed that in Case B-3358 of the October, 1945 term of court and specifically on January 17, 1946, MARIE D. CVETIC was granted a divorce from MATTHEW CVETIC on the grounds that she had suffered such indignities, as to render her condition intolerable and life burdensome. This divorce action was uncontested by CVETIC who alleged that his wife was an alcoholic during the entire period of their marriage, which was unhappy from the outset.

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ZERO, PERSUANT BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS. CVETIC ADVISED HE HAS IN HIS 03-1
POSSESSION MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS CONCERNING CRC,
PP, ASC AND GEORGE PIRINSKY, NATL. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ASC, WHICH SHOW
"THEIR TIE-IN" WITH CP. CVETIC STATED HE REMOVED THESE RECORDS, WHICH
WEIGH ABOUT EIGHTY LBS., FROM NINE FOUR THREE LIBERTY AVE., PITTS-
BURGH, WHICH PREMISES WERE THEN OCCUPIED BY GEORGE DIETZE IN ABOUT
FEBRUARY NINETEEN FIFTY UPON INSTRUCTION OF WILLIAM ALBERTSON,
FORMER ORGANIZATIONAL SECRETARY, DIST. FIVE, CP. CVETIC STATED HE THEN
TURNED THESE RECORDS OVER HCUA, WHO RETURNED SAME TO HIM RECENTLY.
CVETIC VOLUNTARILY STATED BUREAU CAN HAVE SAID RECORDS, IF SAME DESIRED.
CVETIC STATED HE IS DESIROUS OF TURNING THESE RECORDS OVER SAS THIS
OFFICE BY MAY TWENTYSIX NEXT SINCE HE IS LEAVING PGH. MAY TWENTY SEVEN
FOR WEEKS TOUR IN TORONTO, OTTAWA AND MONTREAL. SUTEL IMMEDIATELY
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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER CNDI C ONE ONE THREE. ATTENTION MR. BELMONT.
RE PGH. TEL AND BUCALL TODAY. EFFORTS TO CONTACT CVETIC THIS EVENING
DISCLOSED UNAVAILABLE UNTIL TOMORROW AM. THE QUOTE EIGHTY POUNDS UN-
QUOTE OF MATERIAL REFERRED TO IN RETEL AS BEING IN CVETICS POSSESSION
APPARENTLY IDENTICAL WITH THE QUOTE EIGHTY POUNDS UNQUOTE OF MATERIAL
REFERRED TO BY CVETIC ON PAGE ONE TWO SEVEN ONE OF HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE
HCUA AS SET OUT IN QUOTE EXPOSE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF WESTERN
PENNSYLVANIA, HEARINGS BEFORE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EIGHTY-FIRST CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION UNQUOTE
DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH NINETEEN FIFTY. IN THIS CONNECTION REFER TO
PAGE FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN OF ENCLOSURE TO PGH. LETTER MARCH THIRTEEN,
FIFTY DEALING WITH CVETICS TESTIMONY WHEREIN BUREAU WAS ADVISED THAT
QUOTE THE ABOVE MATERIAL WAS SECURED BY CVETIC SUBSEQUENT TO JAN.
TWENTYTHREE, FIFTY, THE LAST DAY ON WHICH CVETIC WAS OFFICIALLY CONTACTED
BY THIS OFFICE. IT IS FURTHER NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT CVETIC VOLUNTARILY
TELEPHONED THIS OFFICE ON FEB. ONE, FIFTY, AT WHICH TIME HE STATED HE
INTENDED TO SECURE THE ABOVE RECORDS WITHIN A FEW DAYS AND THAT HE WOULD

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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DATE: May 26, 1951

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Reference is made to a teletype from the Pittsburgh Office captioned as above and dated May 25, 1951, which indicated that Cvetic had advised he had in his possession numerous miscellaneous papers, letters and documents concerning the Civil Rights Congress, Progressive Party, American Slav Congress and George Pirinsky, National Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress, which show "their tie-in" with the Communist Party. Cvetic said he had removed these records from the premises which were occupied by George Dietze in February, 1950. Cvetic said he turned these records over to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which had recently returned them to him. He said the Bureau could have the records if we wanted them. Pittsburgh asked whether the records should be accepted from Cvetic.

At 6:28 p.m., May 25, 1951, I called the Pittsburgh Office and talked to ASAC N. R. Johnson. I told him:

- (1) To examine the papers and see whether there was anything contained therein which would be of interest to the Bureau;
- (2) I instructed him to advise why the Pittsburgh Office didn't know about these papers before and whether Cvetic was still a Bureau informant when he obtained the papers;
- (3) Cvetic stated he took the papers out of premises which were occupied by [redacted] and I instructed Mr. Johnson to advise the Bureau if this statement were true, why we hadn't had previous information regarding the papers and documents.

Mr. Johnson stated that Bureau instructions regarding this matter would be complied with and the Bureau would be advised.

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cc: Mr. Donohue, 1704

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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER CNDI C ONE ONE THREE. ATTENTION MR. BELMONT.
REMYTEL MAY TWENTYFIVE LAST. MATERIAL REFERRED TO IN RETEL OBTAINED
FROM CVETIC TODAY. MATERIAL WHICH CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY OF LETTERS,
LEAFLETS, PAMPHLETS AND SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED LISTS OF NAMES, ETC.
RELATING TO ASC, CRC, AND PP, EXAMINED BY SAS FAMILIAR THESE ORGANI-
ZATIONS AND NOTHING OF PERTINENT VALUE FOUND WHICH NOT ALREADY FURNISHED
BY CVETIC OR OTHER INFORMANTS OF THIS OFFICE. AS SET OUT RETEL CVETIC
WILL BE ADVISED MATERIAL BEING RETAINED THIS OFFICE.

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cc: Mr. Belmont
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Newark, Ohio

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Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter dated April 8, 1951, has been received.

Although I would like to be of assistance to you I thought you might like to know that it is not within the province of this Bureau to take the action you suggested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: The letter to which correspondent refers is not yet on record and ticklers in the Security and Crime Records Sections were reviewed with negative results.

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Pittsburgh, Ohio
April 8, 1951

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In response to your letter of March 28, I wish to say that I appreciate your help in trying to locate Mr. Cvetic.

I am going to try several more places to find him. If, however, I do not find his address, would the FBI, either there in Washington or in the Pittsburgh field office be able to forward a letter somewhere to him?

If there is no place to where the FBI can forward a letter for Mr. Cvetic, would you have any idea as to where I could go for his address? It is very important that I locate him.

I appreciate your help in this matter and feel that you did everything in your power to help me locate him. Thank you very kindly.

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Sincerely,

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April 8, 1951

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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓
 FROM : L. B. Nichols
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[redacted] Manager of Bethesda Theatre, called Holloman on May 22, 1951, and asked if we could furnish him with some pictures, posters and other material that could be placed in the lobby of his theatre during the showing of the movie "I Was A Communist for the FBI."

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[redacted] was advised that we would not be able to assist him in this matter. He then asked if it was a fact that the FBI had officially cooperated in the making of this picture. He was advised that we had no official connection with it whatsoever.

He stated that he therefore understood our position perfectly and mentioned that his wife worked for the FBI. It is noted that his wife is [redacted] and is assigned as a Defense Searcher in the Records Section having entered on duty on June 12, 1950.

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Archer Winsten's Reviewing Stand

Dinner With F.B.I. Communist

I had dinner with a Communist for the F.B.I.
No, not me. I didn't do it for the F.B.I.
I did it for dinner.

The Communist was a Communist for the F.B.I. They asked this Matt Cvetic of Pittsburgh to join the Party

some ten years ago. One thing led to another, a motion picture was made, and next thing you know, here I am gnawing on one of Jack's steaks, and a mighty fine steak it is, too.

"Tell me, Mr. Cvetic, was the stuff in the picture fairly accurate?" I asked between mouthfuls.

"Y'know, Arch," he answered with the prompt intimacy of the born organizer, "allowing some for dramatic license, it was pretty much true. My brothers did feel I worried my mother into an early grave. And that business at the funeral in the picture, actually it was at a Funeral Home. Some Communist Front group I was in sent a bouquet and one of my brothers hit me over the head with it."

"Had you been an old-time steel-worker?" I asked slyly, having detected, like Hearststone of the Death Squad, that Mr. Cvetic was pale, slight and lacking in muscles, cheekbones and other marks of the steel-working Slovak.

"No, Arch, no. I was employed in the United States Employment Service when the F.B.I. came after me in 1941. Two years before I'd applied for Army Intelligence and they'd rejected me. Not tall enough. The F.B.I. asked me to join the Communist Party and be an undercover man. I'd talked with the Communists plenty of times. Now I played hard to get and when I did join I was vouched for by some of the bigshots of the Party."

Counterspy As Leader

Cvetic set up the steelworker cell of Communists at Crucible Steel, called North American in the picture. As an organizer of Communist activities he was in an ideal position not only to see what was going on and get his daily reports into the F. B. I. but also to protect himself. Whenever it was suspected that counter-spies might have infiltrated the Communist Party, he would set in motion

investigations of the comrades that would not only cover his tracks but also keep all the others busy defending themselves.

Mr. Cvetic admits that there are some idealists in the lower ranks of the Party, but as for the leaders, they're all conspirators. He said, "They have contempt for the regular party idealism. There are no idealists among them. A Yugoslav Communist once said to me, 'You know, comrade, when we take over we'll have to liquidate all the American Communists. They're too full of bourgeois ideas.' They consider the American rank and file dupes. That's all, dupes."

"I feel like this," he continued, "that the American people are entitled to know the truth. I never saw such disregard of human feelings as during the years I was in the Party. During that time in the Party Apparatus, I never went to a wedding or fu-

neral. They don't believe in that kind of stuff."

"What about your life after you had revealed yourself as an agent for the F. B. I. Weren't you afraid they might do something to you?"

"No," he answered, "I know the way they think. If I were killed it would just reflect on them. I had already told what I knew. I couldn't tell more. They were more interested in discrediting me. Some years ago I was in a family quarrel, and I pushed my sister-in-law, and unfortunately she fell and broke her wrist. They dug that up, and called me a woman-beater and a ravisher. Ravisher!" He laughed softly. "A plain family quarrel."

At present Mr. Cvetic is touring the country, plugging "I Was a Communist for the F. B. I." for Warner Bros., making speeches and giving out interviews, and working on a book which he is going to write all by himself this time. He said, "I intend to tell Americans how to fight back, and that's the title of the book, 'Let's Fight Back.' He lowered his voice and added additional force for a final statement. It sounded as if it had been lifted bodily from his regular lecture's conclusion. "Arch," he said, "In this final analysis nothing is worth giving up your freedom for. Nothing."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *im*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: May 28, 1951

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Special Agent Glenn Bethel, the Bureau's representative in Ottawa, called at 5:05 p.m. and talked to Holloman.

Matthew Cvetic is in Montreal in connection with the picture *"I Was A Communist for the FBI"* and was being wined and dined, and [redacted] had been invited to these affairs and wanted some guidance from Mr. Bethel as to Cvetic.

Bethel was advised that Cvetic has no official connection with the FBI and that the FBI had no official connection whatsoever with the picture *"I Was A Communist for the FBI."* It was also pointed out to Bethel that Cvetic has been touring the United States in connection with this picture and apparently was being given cock tail parties and other affairs by those in charge of the picture.

Bethel stated that this was sufficient information and that he would merely tell [redacted] that Cvetic had no official connection with the FBI and that the Bureau had no connection whatsoever with the picture.

The above is being submitted for record purposes.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 28, 1951

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: HARRY ALAN SHERMAN
INFORMATION CONCERNINGRemylet, captioned "MATTHEW CVETIC;
7/25/50. [redacted] PA

Enclosed is a typewritten copy of a copy of a letter dated July 27, 1950, addressed to Mr. S. Sylvan Simon, 10456 Sunset Blvd., West Los Angeles, California, which letter was voluntarily turned over to this office recently by [redacted] former [redacted] who maintains an office in [redacted], Pittsburgh.

According to [redacted] the enclosed letter was sent to Mr. SIMON by HARRY ALAN SHERMAN, an attorney, concerning whom background information was set out in referenced letter.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] a business agent, who resides on [redacted] Pittsburgh, and who is [redacted] of S. SYLVAN SIMON, had turned the letter over to him recently. [redacted] further stated that Mr. SIMON was a "big Hollywood producer" prior to his death about a month ago.

According to [redacted] SHERMAN had contacted [redacted] in connection with the sale of CVETIC's story, which appeared in the "Saturday Evening Post." to the movie people; and that SHERMAN promised to give [redacted] a percentage from the sale of the movie rights to CVETIC's story if he would assist him in bringing about its sale to a movie producer. According to [redacted] SHERMAN, however, never paid [redacted] the money due him. [redacted] stated that, as a result, [redacted] is "mad" at SHERMAN; that [redacted] said that he has known SHERMAN for years and that he is a "shyster."

Enclosed letter is being furnished for the information of the Bureau in view of the information contained in paragraph four of the letter; as the Bureau is aware, Mr. SHERMAN has not been collecting evidence for the Pittsburgh Office. No further action is being taken in this matter by this office.

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C O P Y

July 27, 1950

Mr. S. Sylvan Simon
10456 Sunset Blvd.
West Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Simon:

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[] has been an acquaintance of mine for a long time. In March of this year, [] talked with me about the possibilities of having an exclusive right to handle the movie rights for the story that has now partially appeared in the Saturday Evening Post for the weeks of July 12th, 19th and 26th, entitled "I Posed As a Communist for The F.B.I."

When I talked with [] I told him that I would not enter into any agreement with any other person on behalf of any studios, until he would have an opportunity of presenting the matter fully to your attention.

[] is in my office today and tells me that he has heard rumors from several sources that the story has been sold or contracted for to other persons. It is for the purpose of clarifying the present status of the story that I am addressing this communication to you personally.

"The Cvetic Story" is only a part of a much bigger and more dramatic story of the communist intrigue in the United States. As general counsel and one of the organizers for Americans Battling Communism, and as business agent in three communist-controlled unions for the purpose of collecting evidence for the FBI in the Pittsburgh office, I am fully aware of the entire set-up and background of which "The Cvetic Story" is a more recent part.

I have available and am willing to present to you in confidence exclusively, the entire dramatic picture which, in my humble opinion, is far more intense than the chapters which appear in the Post. This story has not yet been presented to anyone.

On "The Cvetic Story" alone, I have been approached by representatives of 20th Century Fox, M.G.M. and General Artists agency in New York City, representing at least two other studios who expressed an interest in the said story. None of these persons or agencies have received from me any agreements or promises of agreements of any kind whatsoever, so that should you be interested in further details on this matter, you may rest assured that you will have the first rights to any such understanding or agreement.

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TO : A. H. Belmont *eb*
FROM : C. A. Moynihan
SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER CNDI

DATE: July 28, 1951

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You will recall that at 9:00 P. M. this evening the Pittsburgh Office advised by teletype that information had been furnished by Pittsburgh informant [redacted] to the effect that [redacted] New Kensington, Pennsylvania, who may be mentally unbalanced, possesses a twenty-five calibre automatic and is reportedly in Pittsburgh tonight looking for Cvetic, whom she stated she will shoot even if she meets him in church.

In furnishing this data the Pittsburgh office pointed out that the informant doesn't know whether [redacted] has told others of her plans; pointed out also that by furnishing the information to the local police or Cvetic a valuable informant may be disclosed; and likewise pointed out that Cvetic in the past has sought newspaper publicity on receiving threatening letters and may do so again if advised.

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The Pittsburgh Office requested Bureau advice before taking any action.

Pursuant to your instructions I called SAC Robey in Pittsburgh. I advised him that while the Bureau didn't want to issue instructions that, at the risk of uncovering a valuable informant, the contents of the allegation should be brought to the attention of the local authorities, neither could the Bureau be placed in a position of ignoring the allegation and thereby be made responsible for Cvetic's life. I pointed out that the Pittsburgh Office had suggested no concrete course of action to be followed and that, accordingly, the Bureau desired that the informant be contacted tonight for the purpose of determining whether some angle could be worked out whereby the information could be passed on to the local authorities and at the same time protect the informant's identity. I stated that the Office should, as an alternative looking towards the protection of the informant, interview [redacted] on some suitable pretext such as for the purpose of determining whether she knows the whereabouts of any of the Communist fugitives and pointed out that she might of her own volition disclose her plans with regard to killing Cvetic. I pointed out also that since the Pittsburgh Office was on the scene it might follow some concrete step similar to those outlined hereinbefore.

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I also told Mr. Robey that in a future instance where he might be faced with a similar problem he should, when furnishing the details to the Bureau, likewise furnish a contemplated course of action which could be considered by the Bureau.

I also requested that the Bureau be promptly advised of developments.

You will also recall that at 11:20 P. M. Mr. Robey telephonically advised that [redacted] will get in touch with either the daughter or a friend of [redacted] in order to quiet her down.

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from [redacted] 7/29/57
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FBI PITTSBURGH 7-28-51 9 00 PM EDST LVF

DIRECTOR FBI URGENT

MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER PGH. CNDI. [REDACTED] ADVISED

EIGHT PM, JULY TWENTYEIGHT THAT [REDACTED] NEW KENSINGTON, PA.

APPEARED TO BE MENTALLY UNBALANCED, THAT SHE POSSESSES TWENTYFIVE
CALIBER AUTOMATIC, THAT SHE STATED SHE WILL SHOOT CVETIC EVEN IF SHE
MEETS HIM IN CHURCH AND THAT SHE IS REPORTED TO BE IN PITTSBURGH
TONIGHT LOOKING FOR CVETIC. CVETIC RESIDES WILLIAM PENN HOTEL, PGH.

[REDACTED] IS WIFE OF [REDACTED] WHO RECENTLY RECEIVED A FOUR
YEAR SENTENCE GROWING OUT OF PICKETING BY THE DISTRIBUTIVE WORKERS
UNION AT NEW KENSINGTON. [REDACTED] HER TROUBLE ON CVETIC.

[REDACTED] ADVISES THAT OTHERS KNOW [REDACTED] MENTALLY UN-
BALANCED BUT INFORMANT DOES NOT KNOW IF SHE TOLD OTHERS OF HER PLANS.
FURNISHING INFORMATION TO LOCAL POLICE OR CVETIC BY PGH. OFFICE MAY
DISCLOSE VALUABLE INFORMANT. CVETIC IN PAST HAS SOUGHT NEWSPAPER
PUBLICITY ON RECEIVING THREATENING LETTERS AND MAY DO SO AGAIN IF ADVISED
BUREAU ADVICE REQUESTED BEFORE FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY PGH.
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CC. Mr. [Signature]
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Miss Gandy	

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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER PGH. CXNDI. RE PGH. TEL 7-27 AND TELEPHONE CALL 7-28 TO MR. A. BELLMONT, [REDACTED] CONTACTED [REDACTED] A FRIEND OF [REDACTED] EVENING OF 7-28 AND [REDACTED] CALLED [REDACTED] RESIDENCE ABOUT 11-45 PM AND TALKED TO [REDACTED] DAUGHTER [REDACTED] APPROXIMATE AGE 19. [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED BY [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] IN BED - THAT SHE HAD BEEN DRINKING AND HAD BEEN QUOTE UPSET UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] RECONTACTED [REDACTED] AM JULY 29 AND WAS ADVISED [REDACTED] HAD BEEN DRINKING FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND HAD BEEN NERVOUS AND IN A QUOTE FRANTIC STATE UNQUOTE BUT WAS NOW NORMAL. [REDACTED] STATED SHE WAS AWARE OF MOTHER-S DRINKING AND THAT SHE WAS TRYING TO KEEP ALCOHOL FROM HER. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER CNDI C ONE ONE THREE. [REDACTED] RESIDENT
MGR. WILLIAM PENN HOTEL, PGH. CALLED FOUR FIFTEEN PM TODAY TO INFORM
THAT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AN ASSISTANT AND AN UNKNOWN INTERNATIONAL
NEWS SERVICE REPORTER WERE PRESENTLY IN CVETIC- S ROOM AT HOTEL WITH
CVETIC SINCE CVETIC WAS CLAIMING THAT SOME PAPERS OF A HIGHLY
CONFIDENTIAL NATURE ARE MISSING FROM HIS DESK. [REDACTED] DESIRED TO KNOW
IF AN SA OF THIS OFFICE DESIRED TO BE PRESENT. [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY
WAS TOLD THAT NO REASON EXISTED FOR AN SA OF THIS OFFICE TO BE PRESENT
UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. [REDACTED] LATER CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED CVETIC
WAS ABOUT QUOTE THREE FOURTHS UNQUOTE INTOXICATED., THAT INS REPORTER
WAS TYPING STORY IN CVETIC- S ROOM AT TIME REGARDING MISSING PAPERS,
THAT CVETIC CLAIMED THAT THE MISSING PAPERS WERE SENSATIONAL IN NATURE
SINCE IT NAMES ONE OF THE QUOTE VERY HIGH AIDES OF THE PRESIDENT
UNQUOTE AS A MEMBER OF QUOTE PARTY UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] STATED CVETIC SAID
HE CAN BET COPIES OF THE STOLEN PAPERS BUT, THAT IT WOULD TAKE SEVERAL
HOURS TO OBTAIN THEM AND INDICATED HE WOULD TURN THEM OVER TO INS
REPORTER FOR PUBLICATION. [REDACTED] STATED CVETIC DID NOT FURTHER
DESCRIBE MISSING PAPERS OR MENTION NAME OF INDIVIDUAL CONTAINED
THERIN., THAT [REDACTED] MADE UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH OF CVETIC- S ROOM FOR
MISSING PAPERS AND THAT IN HIS OPINION CVETIC QUOTE IS CRAZY UNQUOTE.
UACB NO ACTION CONTEMPLATED BY THIS OFFICE.

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YOU SAY I ASSUME THAT ACHESON WAS A MEMBER OF THIS CELL AT THAT TIME. DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG HE REMAINED, AS I BELIEVE YOU SAID WHEN YOU WERE HERE THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF SUCH A CELL AS LATE AS NINETEEN THIRTY NINE UNQUOTE. IN HIS REPLY TO [] DATED APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST, [] STATED QUOTE CONCERNING THE PARAGRAPH ON DEAN ACHESON, OF MARCH TWENTY SIX, I DO NOT KNOW HOW LONG HE REMAINED A MEMBER OF THAT BRANCH OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, BUT I DO KNOW THAT HE WAS STILL A MEMBER OF THE PARTY WHEN I LEFT THE PARTY IN NINETEEN THIRTY NINE UNQUOTE. CVETIC ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF RELIABILITY OF EITHER [] OR [] OR OF AUTHENTICITY OF INFORMATION SET OUT IN ABOVE LETTERS. PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THESE LETTERS ARE BEING MADE BY PITTSBURGH. INTERVIEW IMMEDIATELY [] AND [] TO OBTAIN COMPLETE DETAILS THIS MATTER. SUTEL RESULTS INTERVIEW AND ANY BACKGROUND DATA ON [] AND [] CONTAINED FILES OF YOUR OFFICE.

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FBI PITTSBURGH 9-5-51 8:45 PM RL

DIRECTOR FBI, URGENT

MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER CNDI C DASH 113. REMYTEL SEPT. 4 LAST. CVETIC INTERVIEWED FOUR PM TODAY AND MADE AVAILABLE COPIES OF LETTERS EXCHANGED BETWEEN REV. KENNETH GOFF, DIRECTOR, COLORADO ANTI COMMUNIST LEAGUE, ENGLEWOOD, COLO., AND ROBERT DONNER, WHOM CVETIC DESCRIBED AS RETIRED BANKER AND RABID ANTI COMMUNIST AND ANTI SOCIALIST, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. CVETIC STATED THESE LETTERS ARE PAPERS WHICH HE HAD ALLEGED HAD BEEN LOST BUT WHICH HAD ACTUALLY BEEN MISPLACED BY HIM AND WHICH HE SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND IN ONE OF HIS HOTEL DESK DRAWERS. CVETIC SAID HE HAD RECEIVED BOTH OF ABOVE LETTERS VIA MAIL FROM DONNER ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO, HE HAVING MET DONNER IN NYC ABOUT 3 MONTHS AGO. PERTINENT PORTIONS OF FIRST ABOVE LETTERS, DATED MARCH 26 LAST, FROM DONNER TO GOFF SETS OUT QUOTE THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 17, AND I NOTE THAT DEAN ACHESON WAS A MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL CELL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH OPERATED OUT OF AN OLD VIOLIN STUDIO AT ONE FIVE ZERO THREE CONN. AVE., IN WASH., D.C. UNQUOTE AND THAT QUOTE THE SPECIAL COURIER SENT LATER WAS HENRY WARE A SON OF MOTHER BLOOR. THIS CELL WAS COMPOSED OF SUCH PEOPLE AS JOHN ABT, LEE PRESSMAN, ALGER HISS, NATHAN WITT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST CELLS ORGANIZED IN THE NATION-S CAPITOL. UNQUOTE. QUOTE, THIS I BELIEVE WAS IN 1934, AND FROM WHAT YOU SAY I ASSUME THAT ACHESON WAS A MEMBER OF THIS CELL AT THAT TIME. DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG HE REMAINED, AS I BELIEVE YOU SAID WHEN YOU WERE HERE THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF SUCH A CELL AS LATE AS 1939 QUESTION MARK UNQUOTE. IN HIS REPLY TO DONNER DATED APRIL 26 LAST, GOFF STATED QUOTE CONCERNING THE PARAGRAPH ON DEAN ACHESON, OF MARCH 26, I DO NOT KNOW HOW LONG HE REMAINED A MEMBER OF THAT BRANCH OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, BUT I DO KNOW

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THAT HE WAS STILL A MEMBER OF THE PARTY WHEN I LEFT THE PARTY IN 1939. UNQUOTE. CVETIC ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF RELIABILITY OF EITHER GOFF OR DONNER, OR OF AUTHENTICITY OF INFO SET OUT IN ABOVE LETTERS. XCVETIC MADE ABOVE LETTERS AVAILABLE AND PHOTOSTATIC COPIES ARE BEING MADE AND WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU TOMORROW. CVETIC INDICATED DURING INTERVIEW HE HIMSELF IS BITTER ANTI ACHESON AND THAT HE MAY USE ABOVE LETTERS AS BASIS FOR STATEMENTS ATTACKING ACHESON DURING FUTURE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS.

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8:58 PM FBI WA AS

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CC: Mr. Belmont

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U R G E N T

MATHEW CVETIC, FORMER PITTSBURGH CNDI C DASH ONE THIRTEEN. BUREAU

ADVISED DENVER FORMER INFORMANT CVETIC HAS IN HIS POSSESSION CERTAIN LETTERS ALLEGING SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN ACHESON WAS FORMERLY IN A COMMUNIST PARTY CELL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE LETTERS WERE EXCHANGED BETWEEN REVEREND KENNETH GOFF, DIRECTOR, COLORADO ANTI DASH COMMUNIST LEAGUE, ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO, AND ROBERT DONNER, WHOM CVETIC DESCRIBED AS RETIRED BANKER AND RABID ANTI DASH COMMUNIST AND ANTI DASH SOCIALIST, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. CVETIC RECEIVED THESE LETTERS THROUGH THE MAIL FROM DONNER ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO AND HAD PREVIOUSLY MET DONNER IN NEW YORK CITY THREE MONTHS AGO. PERTINENT PORTION OF FIRST LETTER DATED MARCH TWENTYSIX FIFTYONE, FROM DONNER TO GOFF SET OUT QUOTE THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER MARCH SEVENTEEN AND I NOTE THAT DEAN ACHESON WAS A MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL CELL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH OPERATED OUT OF AN OLD VIOLIN STUDIO AT ONE FIVE ZERO THREE CONNECTICUT AVENUE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. END QUOTE AND THAT QUOTE THE SPECIAL COURIER SENT LATER WAS HENRY WARE A SON OF NOTHER BLOOR. THIS CELL WAS COMPOSED OF SUCH PEOPLE AS JOHN MESSY, LEO PRESSMAN, ALGER HISS, NATHAN MITT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST CELLS ORGANIZED IN THE NATIONS CAPITOL END QUOTE. QUOTE THIS I BELIEVE WAS IN NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR, AND FROM WHAT YOU SAY I ASSUME THAT ACHESON WAS A MEMBER OF THIS CELL AT THIS TIME. DO YOU KNOW HOW

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LONG HE REMAINED, AS I BELIEVE YOU SAID WHEN YOU WERE HERE THAT HE WAS A MEMBER SUCH CELL AS LATE AS NINETEEN THIRTYNINE UNQUOTE. IN HIS REPLY TO DONNER DATED APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST, GOFF STATED QUOTE CONCERNING THE PARAGRAPH ON DEAN ACHESON, OF MARCH TWENTYSIX, I DO NOT KNOW HOW LONG HE REMAINED A MEMBER THAT BRANCH OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, BUT I DO KNOW THAT HE WAS STILL A MEMBER OF THE PARTY WHEN I LEFT THE PARTY IN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE UNQUOTE. CVETIC ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE RELIABLE OF EITHER GOFF OR DONNER, OR OF AUTHENTICITY OF INFORMATION SET OUT IN ABOVE LETTER. PHOTOSTATIC COPIES THESE LETTERS ARE BEING MADE BY PITTSBURGH. DONNER INTERVIEWED BY DENVER, STATES HE HAS NO INFORMATION RE ACHESON OTHER THAN FURNISHED BY GOFF. DONNER MADE AVAILABLE ORIGINAL LETTER FROM GOFF DATED MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST, A COPY OF DONNERS LETTER TO GOFF DATED MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST AND THE ORIGINAL LETTER FROM GOFF TO DONNER DATED APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST, ALL OF WHICH ARE QUOTED ABOVE. DONNER SUPPLIED COPIES OF THESE LETTERS TO CVETIC AND LETTERS ARE BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY DENVER. INTERVIEW GOFF TO OBTAIN COMPLETE DETAILS. SUTEL BUREAU WITH COPY TO DENVER.

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cc - Bureau (AMSD)
Denver (AMSD)

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: September 2, 1951

FROM : ROY PORTER

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Re Pittsburgh tel 9/2/51. Pursuant to your instructions, the writer telephonically advised SAC ROBEY, Pittsburgh that CVETIC must be interviewed before 9/4/51. Mr. ROBEY advised he would arrange to have CVETIC interviewed the morning of 9/3/51, and advise the Bureau by teletype on the results.

RECOMMENDATION: This is for your information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Denver

SUBJECT: MATHEW CVETIC
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Mr. Glavin	
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Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Alder	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Laughlin	
Mr. Mohr	
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There are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of correspondence between KENNETH GOFF, ROBERT DONNER, and MATHEW CVETIC regarding GOFF's charges that DEAN ACHESON was a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. DONNER stated that this correspondence will be maintained by him and may be examined by the FBI or any other governmental agency.

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Miss Gandy	_____

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: September 6, 1951

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER CNDI C-113

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Remytels, August 31, September 1-5, 1951, butel, September 1, 1951.

On August 31, 1951, about 4:15 p.m., [redacted] Resident Manager, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., who has cooperated with this office in the past, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and informed that he, [redacted], one of his assistants, and an International News Service Reporter, who was not known to him, were then present with CVETIC in the latter's room in the William Penn Hotel, since CVETIC was claiming that some papers of a highly confidential nature are missing from his desk. [redacted] inquired as to whether or not this office desired to have an SA present. He was subsequently apprised of the fact that no reason existed for an SA of this office to be present under the circumstances.

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[redacted] later confidentially advised that CVETIC was "3/4" intoxicated; that while he was in CVETIC's room, the International News Service Reporter was observed by him typing a story concerning the missing paper, and that CVETIC claimed that the missing papers were sensational in nature, since it names one of the "very high aides of the President" as a member of the "party."

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[redacted] stated that CVETIC said that he can get copies of the missing papers, but that it would take several hours for him to obtain them, and indicated that he would turn them over to the International News Service Reporter for publication as soon as he received them. [redacted] stated that CVETIC did not further describe the missing paper nor did he mention the name of the individual mentioned therein. [redacted] stated that [redacted] made a search of CVETIC's room for the missing papers, but that [redacted] did not find them. [redacted] stated that he did not consider the missing papers very important, in view of the fact that CVETIC said that he could obtain copies of the missing paper. [redacted] stated that his personal opinion is that CVETIC

"is crazy."
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To : Director, FBI
From : SAC, Pittsburgh
Subject : MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER CNDI C-113

September 6, 1951

Referenced butel dated September 1, 1951, requested that CVETIC be interviewed to determine the name of the presidential aide who is a member of the party and to obtain the relating details. CVETIC was contacted on September 1, 1951, about 8:35 p.m., but refused to be interviewed since he had a prior engagement, and at his request an appointment was made for 1:30 p.m., September 2, 1951.

While attempting to locate CVETIC for interview during the evening of September 1, 1951, [redacted] Resident Manager, William Penn Hotel, advised that CVETIC told him that he had secured a copy of the missing paper, and that the individual named in the paper was "Dean Acheson."

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At 1:25 p.m. on September 2, 1951, CVETIC was contacted by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] in Room 1146-48, William Penn Hotel. He had obviously been drinking for a prolonged period of time, was extremely nervous, and was suffering from a hangover. CVETIC declined to discuss the matter of the missing papers and requested that he be recontacted at 10:00 a.m., September 4, 1951, at which time he would discuss the matter with the contacting SAS. CVETIC stated that the missing paper mentions "Dean Acheson," Secretary of State, and places ACHESON in a Communist Party cell with ALGER HISS in 1939. CVETIC stated that he had obtained another copy of the missing paper from an unnamed source and said that he would make the information contained in said paper available upon interview on September 4, 1951. CVETIC stated that he had obtained the missing paper subsequently to his termination as a CNDI in about January, 1950.

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In view of CVETIC's physical condition and because of his request, no detailed inquiry was made of him by the interviewing SAS.

On September 2, 1951, Supervisor ROY PORTER, Washington, D. C., telephonically advised J. A. ROBEY, SAC, that it was the Bureau's desire that CVETIC be interviewed prior to 10:00 a.m., September 4, 1951, for the details concerning the missing paper.

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It is noted that efforts to locate CVETIC for interview on September 3, 1951; at 10:00 a.m., September 4, 1951, as per appointment, and throughout the remainder of the same day were unproductive.

At 9:15 a.m., September 5, 1951, CVETIC was telephonically contacted at his hotel room and arrangements were subsequently made to interview him at 4:00 p.m., the same date. CVETIC informed that he had been visiting friends in Galeton, Pa., and that he did not return to Pittsburgh until about midnight on September 4, 1951.

CVETIC was interviewed in his hotel room at 4:00 p.m. on September 5, 1951, by SAS [] and [] at which time he made available a copy of a letter dated March 26, 1951, which was sent by ROBERT DONNER, whom CVETIC described as a retired banker, of Colorado Springs, to Reverend KENNETH GOFF, Director, Colorado Anti-Communist League, Englewood, Colorado; a photostatic copy of a letter dated April 26, 1951, from KENNETH GOFF to ROBERT DONNER, and an attachment to the above letters, which was a pamphlet containing the "speech" of Hon. PAUL W. SHAFER of Michigan, in the House of Representatives, on Wednesday, June 6, 1951, captioned, "ACHESON Qualifies United States for Ananias Club--He Should Resign," which was taken from the Congressional Record, and specifically from the Proceedings and Debates of the 82d Congress, First Session.

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CVETIC voluntarily made available the above papers and two photostatic copies of same are being submitted to the Bureau as enclosures.

CVETIC stated that the above letters are the papers which he said allegedly had been lost, but that they were actually misplaced by him and that he later found the papers in one of his desk drawers located in his room.

CVETIC related that on Friday, August 31, 1951, he became concerned about the papers when he was unable to locate the papers in their

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proper place in his desk, and that he immediately considered them missing.

CVETIC further related that about two weeks ago he went to his room and found one of the chambermaids, who normally does not work on the 11th floor on the hotel, in his room; that he was surprised to see a chambermaid other than his regular chambermaid in his room, and that when he asked her as to what she was doing in his room, she replied that she was using the phone.

CVETIC said that he had received the above letters from DONNER about one week ago via the mails; that he became acquainted with DONNER shortly after his article, "I posed as a Communist for the FBI," appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, on which occasion DONNER sent him a letter. He stated that he and DONNER have been corresponding since that time; that DONNER has sent him pamphlets issued by the Communist Party as far back as 1932, and that he met DONNER for the first time in New York City about three months ago. CVETIC stated DONNER is a "nice guy"; that he is a rabid conservative; that he is anti-Communist and anti-Socialist. CVETIC stated that upon meeting DONNER in New York City, DONNER told him that he had the above letters, which contained information concerning DEAN ACHESON, and that it was on this occasion that he told DONNER to send him a copy of the letters.

CVETIC advised that he has no knowledge as to the reliability of either DONNER or GOFF; and that he cannot vouch for the information contained in the above letters.

CVETIC further stated that he has not shown the above letters to anyone; that he is bitterly opposed to ACHESON and indicated that he may use the above letters as a basis for statements attacking ACHESON, such as "That Dean Acheson has no business in the White House," during his future speaking engagements.

No lead is being set out for the Denver Office since this office is unaware of what information the Bureau or the Denver Office has concerning Reverend GOFF and ROBERT DONNER.

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MATTHEW CVETIC FORMER CNDI 113. REMYTEL AUGUST 31 AND BUTEL
SEPTEMBER 1 LAST. CVETIC CONTACTED 8:35 P.M. SEPTEMBER 1 LAST,
REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED BECAUSE OF PRIOR ENGAGEMENT AND AT
HIS REQUEST APPOINTMENT MADE FOR 1:30 P.M. TODAY. CVETIC
CONTACTED 1:25 P.M. TODAY. HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN DRINKING FOR
PROLONGED PERIOD, WAS EXTREMELY NERVOUS AND SUFFERING FROM
HANGOVER. HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS MATTER SET OUT MYTEL AUGUST 31
AND REQUESTED HE BE RECONTACTED 10:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 4 NEXT.
HE STATED THAT MISSING PAPER MENTIONED MYTEL REFERS TO DEAN
ACHESON AND PLACES HIM IN CP CELL WITH ALGER HISS IN 1939. HE
STATED THAT HE HAD OBTAINED ANOTHER COPY OF MISSING PAPER FROM
SOURCE HE WOULD NOT REVEAL TODAY AND WOULD MAKE INFORMATION
CONTAINED THEREIN AVAILABLE WHEN CONTACTED ON SEPTEMBER 4 NEXT.
CVETIC SAID HE OBTAINED ABOVE PAPER SUBSEQUENT TO TERMINATION
AS CNDI. NOTED THAT CONTACT WITH CVETIC TODAY WAS OF BRIEF
DURATION AND NO DETAILED INQUIRY WAS MADE OF HIM DUE TO HIS
PHYSICAL CONDITION AND HIS REQUEST. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] RESIDENT MANAGER, WILLIAM PENN HOTEL, PITTSBURGH INFORMED
THIS OFFICE DURING EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 1 LAST THAT CVETIC TOLD
HIM THAT HE HAD SECURED COPY OF MISSING PAPER AND THAT INDIVIDUAL
NAMED IN PAPER WAS DEAN ACHESON. UACB CVETIC WILL BE THOROUGHLY
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FBI, DENVER

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10:35 P.M.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER PITTSBURGH CNDI C-113. REBUTEL SEP-TEMBER 7 LAST. DONNER INTERVIEWED THIS DATE STATES HAS NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RE POSSIBLE CP AFFILIATION OF ACHESON OTHER THAN INFORMATION FURNISHED HIM BY GOFF AS DETAILED BUTEL. DONNER MADE AVAILABLE ORIGINAL LETTER FROM GOFF DATED MARCH 17 LAST. THIS LETTER CONTAINED STATEMENT WHICH WAS QUOTED IN BUTEL BEGINNING QUOTE DEAN ACHESON WAS A MEMBER OF UNQUOTE AND ENDING QUOTE ORGANIZED IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL UNQUOTE. DONNER ALSO FURNISHED COPIES HIS LETTER TO GOFF DATED MARCH 26 LAST WHICH WAS QUOTED IN BUREAU TELETYPE. DONNER ALSO FURNISHED ORIGINAL LETTER FROM GOFF TO DONNER DATED APRIL 26 LAST WHICH WAS QUOTED IN BUTEL. DONNER ADVISES HE SENT COPIES THESE LETTERS RECENTLY TO CVETIC. DENVER WILL FORWARD ABOVE LETTERS TO BUREAU. BACKGROUND DATA ON DONNER CONTAINED IN DENVER TELETYPE TO BUREAU DECEMBER 17, 1946, CAPTIONED QUOTE DONNER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, WHITE HOUSE, NO CHANGES SINCE THEN. BACKGROUND DATA ON GOFF WILL BE FORWARDED BY SEPARATE TELETYPE.

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MATHEW CVETIC. REBUTEL, SEPTEMBER SEVENTH, LAST. KENNETH O. GOFF WAS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN WISCONSIN, THIRTY SEVEN THROUGH THIRTY NINE, WHEN HE RESIGNED. SINCE THAT TIME, HE HAS BEEN VIOLENTLY ANTI COMMUNIST, AND AFTER RECEIVING SOME THEOLOGICAL TRAINING, HAS BEEN SPEAKING AS AN EVANGELIST IN SMALL COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT WESTERN UNITED STATES, PRIMARILY IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCHES. GOFF FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH GERALD L. K. SMITH, BUT NOW HEADS A ONE MAN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE COLORADO ANTI COMMUNIST LEAGUE. WROTE BOOK QUOTE, CONFESSIONS OF STALIN-S AGENT, UNQUOTE. ON FEBRUARY TWENTY FIFTH, FORTY EIGHT, GOFF WAS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN USDC, WASHINGTON, D. C., FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION TWO FIVE FIVE A, TITLE TWENTY TWO, USC, FOR PLACING ODIOUS SIGNS ON THE USSR EMBASSY LAWN. GOFF HAS COOPERATED IN FURNISHING SIGNED STATEMENTS IN NUMEROUS LGE INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING HIS FORMER ASSOCIATES IN WISCONSIN. INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT GOFF IS VIOLENTLY ANTI TRUMAN ADMINISTRATION.

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MATHEW CVETIC, FORMER PITTSBURGH CNDI, C DASH ONE ONE THREE.
REBUTEL SEPTEMBER SEVEN, LAST. GOFF IN WISCONSIN. INFORMATION FURNISHED
MILWAUKEE TO HANDLE GOFF INTERVIEW. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE DONNER
WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER PITTSBURGH CNDI C-113. REBUTEL AND
DENVER TELETYPE DATED [SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8] RESPECTIVELY. GOFF
PRESENTLY LOCATED MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA AND THAT OFFICE
REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW HIM BY TELETYPE TODAY.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER CNDI C DASH ONE ONE THREE. RECYTEL SEPT. SECOND
LAST AND TELEPHONE CALL FROM SUPERVISOR ROY PORTER TO SAC SEPT. SECOND
LAST. EFFORTS TO LOCATE CVETIC FOR INTERVIEW UP TO THIS TIME,
NEGATIVE. WILL BE INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS LOCATED.

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Rear Admiral Sidney W. Souers
Special Consultant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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FROM GDS

My dear Admiral:

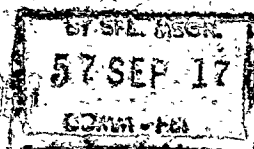
I thought the President and you would be interested
in the following information.

A confidential source recently advised that one
Kenneth Coff and one Robert Donner were in possession of
information to the effect that Secretary of State Dean Acheson
was a member of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C.,
during the 1930's.

Robert Donner was subsequently interviewed regarding
this allegation at which time he advised that he had no
pertinent information regarding this allegation other than
that furnished to him by Coff in two separate letters. Donner
furnished the original copies of these letters for examination
and it was noted that Coff alleged therein that Mr. Acheson
was a member of a special cell of the Communist Party which
operated out of an old violin studio at 1593 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D. C. Coff further alleged that this cell was
composed of such people as John Aht, Lee Pressman, Alger Hiss
and Nathan Witt and was one of the first cells organized in
the nation's capital. Coff alleged that this was in 1934 and
he further stated that he did not know how long Mr. Acheson
remained a member of this branch of the Communist Party but
he did know that he was still a member of the Party when he,
Coff, left the Party in 1939.

It is to be noted that Donner has been reported to
be a wealthy resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado, who is

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very anti-New Deal and anti-Roosevelt. On December 9, 1946, Donner wrote to Mrs. Truman at the White House criticizing her for "following the path of the former lady in the White House who coddled the Negro and stirred up this Negro question unwisely playing right into the hands of Red Fascists." At Major General Vaughn's request, we furnished a memorandum dated December 20, 1946, concerning Donner's background, to General Vaughn.

Kenneth Goff was interviewed concerning the above allegations. Goff stated that he was unable to furnish specific information regarding Mr. Acheson's affiliation with the Communist Party. Goff stated that at the National Convention of the Young Communist League held in 1947, Carl Ross made a statement before a closed session of officers elect to the effect that the greatest successes in infiltration were in the Agriculture and State Departments. Ross also stated, according to Goff, that the first Communist Party cell established in Washington was at 1503 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., which was supposedly an old violin studio. Ross further stated that the cell consisted of John Abt, Nathan Witt, Lee Pressman, Henry Ware and Alger and Donald Hiss. Goff denied saying or writing that Mr. Acheson was part of this Communist Party cell. He claimed that he was not personally acquainted with Mr. Acheson and had never met him. Goff did state that during 1936 at a hotel in Milwaukee, a closed meeting was held at which time Eugene Dennis stated that during the time the Spanish Republic was in power the Republic had established a core of friendship with individuals in Washington, D. C., and that Dean Acheson, Eleanor Roosevelt and Vito Marcantonio were "our friends." Goff further stated that he has no specific information regarding Dean Acheson but felt to the best of his knowledge that Mr. Acheson was a member of the Communist Party up to the time Goff quit the Party in 1939. He further stated that he has no facts to back up this statement.

It is to be noted that Goff was active in the Communist Party in Wisconsin in 1937 through 1939, at which time he resigned. Since that time he has been violently anti-Communist and after receiving some theological training has been speaking as an evangelist in small communities throughout the western United States. He formerly associated with Gerald L. K. Smith but now heads a one-man organization called the Colorado Anti-

Communist League. On February 25, 1948, Goff was fined \$100 in United States District Court, Washington, D. C., for placing odious signs on the Soviet Embassy lawn.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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INTERVIEW CVETIC FOR NAME OF PRESIDENTIAL AID WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: September 1, 1951

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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To advise you that Cvetic claimed that some papers of a highly confidential nature were missing from his room in the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on August 31, 1951.

DETAILS:

N. G. Benson, resident manager of the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, advised the Pittsburgh Office that Matthew Cvetic claimed that papers of a highly confidential nature were missing from his room at the above hotel. Cvetic was under the influence of liquor at the time but claimed that the missing papers named one of the very high aides of the President as a member of the Party. At the time Cvetic claimed the papers were missing, an unknown International News Service reporter was present and Cvetic advised that it would take several hours to get copies of the papers which would be turned over to the INS reporter.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, it is recommended that the attached teletype be sent to Pittsburgh requesting them to interview Cvetic to obtain the name of the unknown Presidential Aide who is a member of the Party.

Attachment

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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER PITTSBURGH CNDI DASH C ONE THIRTEEN. RE MILWAUKEE TEL TO MPLS THIS DATE. REVEREND KENNETH GOFF INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT LEAMINGTON HOTEL, MINNEAPOLIS. GOFF UNABLE TO FURNISH SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING ACHESON-S AFFILIATION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY. GOFF STATES AT NATIONAL CONVENTION OF YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE HELD IN MAY NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, A CLOSED SESSION OF OFFICERS ELECT WAS HELD. AT THIS CLOSED MEETING DURING A DISCUSSION OF COMMUNIST PARTY INFILTRATION INTO GOVERNMENT, CARL ROSS, LEADER OF DISCUSSION, STATED GREATEST SUCCESS IN INFILTRATION WAS IN AGRICULTURE AND STATE DEPARTMENT. ROSS ALSO STATED, ACCORDING TO GOFF, THAT FIRST CP CELL ESTABLISHED AT 1503 CONNECTICUT AVENUE WASHINGTON, D.C., ^{WARE'S RESIDENCE} ~~SUPPOSEDLY~~ A VIOLIN STUDIO. FURTHER THAT CELL CONSISTED OF JOHN ABT, NATHAN WITT, LEE PRESSMAN, HENRY WARE, ALGER AND DONALD HISS AND WOMAN, NAME WHICH GOFF UNABLE TO RECALL. ROSS ALSO STATED WARE HAD ACTED AS COURIER BETWEEN CELL AND NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY HEAD-QUARTERS IN NEW YORK. GOFF DENIES SAYING OR WRITING THAT DEAN ACHESON WAS PART OF THIS COMMUNIST PARTY CELL. CLAIMS ALSO HE HAS NEVER MET OR WAS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH ACHESON. DOES STATE THAT DURING SUMMER OF THIRTYSIX FOLLOWING MASS MEETING HELD AT HOTEL IN MILWAUKEE AT WHICH THEY LISTENED TO AN ENGLISH SPEAKING BROADCAST FROM SPAIN REGARDING ARMS EMBARGO ON SPAIN, A CLOSED MEETING WAS HELD AT WHICH TIME EUGENE DENNIS STATED QUOTE DURING TIME SPANISH REPUBLIC WAS IN POWER, THE REPUBLIC HAD ESTABLISHED A CORE OF FRIENDSHIP WITH

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INDIVIDUALS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. UNQUOTE. DENNIS FURTHER STATED, ACCORDING TO GOFF, THAT THEY CAN BE ASSURED THAT DEAN ACHESON, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, VITO MARCANTONIO WERE QUOTE OUR FRIENDS UNQUOTE. GOFF STATES THIS WAS ONLY INSTANCE HE CAN REMEMBER THAT ACHESON HAD BEEN REFERRED TO BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE PARTY. GOFF STATES HE HAS NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING DEAN ACHESON BUT QUOTE FELT TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE UNQUOTE THAT ACHESON WAS MEMBER UP TO THE TIME GOFF QUIT PARTY IN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. HE STATES HE HAS NO FACTS TO BACK UP THIS STATEMENT. GOFF WILL LEAVE MINNEAPOLIS COMING WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR DELAVAN, WISCONSIN, IN CARE OF REEDS MOTOR COURT OR COLONIAL HOTEL. WILL STAY AT DELAVAN THROUGH SUNDAY. WILL MOTOR TO DENVER SUNDAY NEXT, EXPECTED TO ARRIVE DENVER BY WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER NINETEEN NEXT. LETTER OF DETAILS FOLLOWS.

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DENVER ADVISED

WA 12:55 AM OK FBI WA SJB

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CC: MR BELMONT

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's coding systems.

Office Memorandum

UNIT

ERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY INFORMANT

Limited Classification
Review Conducted
See Top Serial
Form 4-774

DATE: September 15, 1951

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Ladd ☒

Clegg ☒

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Tracy ☒

Harbo ☒

Belmont ☒

Mohr ☒

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Nease ☒

Gandy ☒

PURPOSE:

To advise you of the results of the interviews with Kenneth Goff and Robert Donner conducted as a result of information furnished by Cvetic to the effect that these persons had proof that Dean Acheson was formerly a member of the Communist Party. To recommend that the results of these interviews be furnished to Admiral Souers and the Attorney General.

DETAILS:

Cvetic recently advised the Pittsburgh Office that he was in possession of correspondence between Donner and Goff which stated that Dean Acheson was a member of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C., in about 1934. Photostatic copies of this correspondence was secured by the Pittsburgh Office and Denver was requested to interview Kenneth Goff and Robert Donner for further information.

Donner was subsequently interviewed by the Denver Office at which time he stated that he had no pertinent information regarding possible Communist Party affiliation of Dean Acheson other than information furnished to him by Goff in letters dated March 17, 1951, and April 26, 1951. Donner furnished the Denver Office with the originals of both these letters in which Goff stated that Dean Acheson was a member of the special cell of the Communist Party which operated out of an old violin studio at 1503 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. It was further stated that this cell was composed of such people as John Abt, Lee Pressman, Alger Hiss and Nathan Witt and was one of the first cells organized in the nation's capital. Goff further stated in his letter of April 26, 1951, that he did not know how long Acheson remained a member of that branch of the Communist Party but he did know that he was still a member of the Party when he, Goff, left the Party in 1939.

Attachments

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It is to be noted that Donner has written to the Bureau many times in the past and was the subject of a special inquiry for the White House in December 1946, as a result of a letter which he had sent to Mrs. Truman. This inquiry established that Donner was a very wealthy resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado, anti-New Deal, anti-Roosevelt and very actively opposed to Communism, Nazism and Fascism. He was considered to be honest and patriotic although persons who knew him have stated that he may possibly have allowed his enthusiasm for combating Communism to cause him to be unjudicious in directing critical letters to various individuals.

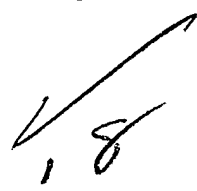
Goff was interviewed in Minneapolis where he is presently located. He was unable to furnish specific information regarding Acheson's affiliation with the Communist Party. He stated that at the National Convention of the Young Communist League held in May 1947, a discussion was held at a closed session of the elect officers of this organization. During this discussion Carl Ross stated that the greatest successes in infiltration were in the Agriculture and State Departments. Ross also stated, according to Goff, that the first Communist Party cell established in Washington was at a violin studio at 1503 Connecticut Avenue and that John Abt, Nathan Witt, Lee Pressman, Henry Ware and Alger and Donald Hiss were members. Ross also stated that Ware had acted as a courier between the cell and National Headquarters in New York. Goff denied saying or writing that Dean Acheson was a part of this Communist Party cell. Goff did state that at a closed meeting at a hotel in Milwaukee in 1936, Eugene Dennis stated that during the time the Spanish Republic was in power the Republic had established a core of friendship with individuals in Washington, D. C. Dennis further stated, according to Goff, that Dean Acheson, Eleanor Roosevelt and Vito Marcantonio were "our friends." Goff stated that this was the only instance he could remember that Acheson had been referred to by an official of the Party. Goff stated that he had no specific information regarding Dean Acheson but felt, to the best of his knowledge, that Acheson was a member up to the time Goff quit the Party in 1939.

It is to be noted that Kenneth Goff was active in the Communist Party in Wisconsin from 1937 through 1939 when he resigned. Since that time he has been violently anti-Communist and after receiving some theological training has been speaking as an evangelist in small communities throughout the western United States. He formerly associated with Gerald L. K. Smith but now heads a one-man organization called the Colorado Anti-Communist League. On February 25, 1948, Goff was fined \$100 in

United States District Court, Washington, D. C., for placing odious signs on the Soviet Embassy lawn.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letters be transmitted to the Attorney General and to Admiral Souers advising them of the results of these interviews. Matthew Cvetic's identity is not being disclosed in these letters inasmuch as Cvetic had no first-hand knowledge of the facts in this case.



SAC, Denver

September 22, 1951

Director, FBI

REGISTERED MAIL

Mathew Cvetic

Former Pittsburgh CNDI C-113

Urfile 66-1437

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DATE 7-31-89 BY SP7MAC/HJB

Reference is made to your letter dated September 15, 1951, transmitting one roll of film pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request, prints have been made and they are being forwarded together with the film to your office herewith.

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Enclosure

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 15, 1951

FROM : SAC, Denver

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FORMER PITTSBURGH CNDI C-113ATTENTION: MECHANICAL
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There is being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover a roll of exposed microfilm, containing approximately 75 pictures.

It is desired that the film be developed, and that letter-size prints of same be forwarded to this office.

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Office Memorandum

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VERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 15, 1951

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER PITTSBURGH CNDI - C-113

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CONF. INFO.

Reference is made to Milwaukee teletype to Minneapolis dated September 11, 1951, entitled "MATTHEW CVETIC, Former Pittsburgh CNDI - C-113".

The teletype advised that the Bureau had advised Denver that former Informant CVETIC has in his possession certain letters alleging that Secretary of State DEAN ACHESON was formerly in a Communist Party cell in Washington, D. C. These letters, according to information in the teletype, were exchanged between Reverend KENNETH GOFF, Director, Colorado Anti-Communist League, Englewood, Colorado, and ROBERT DONNER, who, according to CVETIC, is a retired banker and a rabid anti-Communist from Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Reverend KENNETH GOFF was interviewed on September 11, 1951, at the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. GOFF was unable to furnish specific information regarding ACHESON's affiliation with the Communist Party. GOFF stated that during a closed session which was conducted after the National Convention of the Young Communist League in May, 1937, the newly elected National Committee, of which Reverend GOFF was a member, held a discussion which was lead by CARL ROSS on infiltration into the government.

As an illustration of this infiltration, CARL ROSS stated, according to GOFF, that they had penetrated into the offices of the Agriculture and State Departments. Further, ROSS stated that in Washington the Communist Party had powerful cells and had an infiltration of better than 2800 Communist Party members and fellow travelers.

According to GOFF, ROSS was very much perturbed during this discussion that the Communist Party had not penetrated far enough into the Army and Navy and there was a great need for the Young Communist League to join the R.O.T.C. with a view to make an attempt to enter either West Point or Annapolis.

ROSS further advised at the closed session, that the first Communist Party cell was started at 1503 Connecticut Avenue in a violin studio in 1933, and that the cell was made up predominately of graduates of eastern universities. According to GOFF, ROSS, at this point, brought up the names of JOHN ABT, NATHAN WITT, LEE PRESSMAN, ALGER and DONALD HISS, HENRY WARE and an unidentified woman whose name GOFF does not recall, as being

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Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Alden.....
Mr. Belmont.....
Mr. Laughlin.....
Mr. Mohr.....
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Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

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MEMO DIRECTOR, FBI

September 14, 1951

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER PITTSBURGH CNDI - C-113

members of this particular cell. GOFF recalled that ROSS had stated that HENRY WARE was the courier of the cell to the National Communist Party Office in New York. It was GOFF's further recollection that ROSS had paid tribute to HENRY LASKI and HENRY WARE for laying the ground work in the development of this Communist Party cell.

GOFF stated that the following individuals were present at this closed session:

JACK KLING
LEON KAPLIN
NATALIE BARKER (from Detroit)
CELESTE STRACK
WILLIAM HINKLEY

ANGELA HERNDON
MAX WISE
HAROLD MALONE
ED STRONG
HENRY WINSTON

KENNETH GOFF denied ever saying or writing that DEAN ACHESON was part of this Communist Party cell. He claims also that he has never met or was personally acquainted with DEAN ACHESON. GOFF stated, however, that during the summer of 1936, following a mass meeting held at a hotel in Milwaukee, the name of which GOFF was unable to recall, a closed meeting was held at which time GOFF recalled the following individuals were present:

EUGENE DENNIS
JOHN SECAT
JOSEPHINE NORDSTRAND
ELIZABETH SMITH

FRANK JONES
MARGE CHESNIX
SANTO ZANGOLA

GOFF recalled that at the mass meeting at the hotel they had listened to an English speaking broadcast from Spain regarding the Spanish situation and in particular the arms embargo on Spain. According to GOFF, in the closed session EUGENE DENNIS directed a discussion on aid to Spain and the arms embargo on Spain. He advised those present that during the time the Spanish republic was in power, they had established a core of friendship with key individuals in the government in Washington, D. C. According to GOFF, it was at this point that DENNIS made the statement that, "They can be assured that DEAN ACHESON, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and VETO MARCANTONIO are our friends."

GOFF insisted that this was the only instance that he can remember that ACHESON had been referred to by anyone in an official capacity with the Communist Party. GOFF further insisted that this is the only reference he has ever made in any of his speeches or writings which would reflect on DEAN ACHESON. GOFF further stated that he has no specific information regarding

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September 15, 1951

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DEAN ACHESON but "felt", to the best of his knowledge, that ACHESON was a member up to the time that GOFF quit the Party in 1939. He further stated that he has no facts to back up this statement. GOFF insisted further that he could not recall ever corresponding with any individuals regarding DEAN ACHESON. KENNETH GOFF advised that he is unable to furnish any other information regarding DEAN ACHESON.

The Minneapolis Office refrained from making specific reference to MATTHEW CVETIC and ROBERT DONNER, or any correspondence which possibly may have been conducted between the two inasmuch as the relationship between GOFF and these two individuals was unknown. As noted above, GOFF denies ever corresponding with any individuals regarding DEAN ACHESON or ever making reference to DEAN ACHESON in any of his speeches or writings as being a member of the Communist Party cell in Washington.

Mr. GOFF will leave Minneapolis on the evening of September 12 enroute to Delavan, Wisconsin and will be in care of Reed's Motor Court or the Colonial Hotel. According to GOFF he will stay at Delavan, Wisconsin through September 16, at which time he will continue on to Denver, Colorado via automobile. He expects to arrive in Denver by Wednesday, September 19.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, DENVER

SUBJECT: MATHEW CVETIC
FORMER PITTSBURGH ONDI C-113
CONF. INFT

DATE: October 2, 1951

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REGISTERED MAIL

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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
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Miss Gandy	

Reference is made to butel dated September 7, 1951, requesting the Denver Office to interview ROBERT DONNER and KENNETH GOFF regarding correspondence which DONNER relayed to MATHEW CVETIC wherein GOFF made the statement that DEAN ACHESON was a member of the Communist Party.

On September 10, 1951, there were forwarded to the Bureau photostatic copies of the correspondence which clearly showed that GOFF in a letter to DONNER on March 17, 1951 wrote that ACHESON was a member of the special cell of the Communist Party which operated out of an old violin studio at 1503 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C.

It is to be noted that the Minneapolis Office interviewed GOFF on September 15, last, and GOFF denied ever saying or writing that ACHESON was a part of this Communist Party cell.

There are enclosed herewith photographic copies of correspondence between DONNER, GOFF and CVETIC regarding DEAN ACHESON for the information of the Bureau.

It is to be noted that both KENNETH GOFF and ROBERT DONNER have been in the past and are at the present cooperating with the FBI, however it is to be noted from the correspondence that all three of these men are violently opposed to the Secretary of State and are apparently furnishing any information that they can obtain to Senator MC CARTHY regarding this controversial matter.

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The developed film which contains this matter is being retained in the Denver Office, however, this office does not desire that the enclosed material be returned to this office.

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ENCLOSURES - REGISTERED - RRR

CC: 62-557 (ROBERT DONNER)
105-123 (KENNETH GOFF)

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EX-77

New York, New York

Dear [redacted]

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DATE 7-31-89 BY SP7mac/hbs

Your letter postmarked October 24, 1951, with enclosure, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted your writing me.

In answer to your inquiry, the person you mentioned has assisted the FBI in a confidential capacity in the past, but he has no connection with this Bureau at the present time. It is suggested you may desire to communicate with one of the members of the committee which sponsored the talk you heard so as to obtain his present address.

Your kind comments concerning the work being done by the FBI are deeply appreciated and I want to thank you for your expression of confidence in my administration of the activities of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc. NY 9941 York MON with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Matthew Cuetic is a former paid informant of the Pittsburgh Office. There is no connection between him and the Bureau at the present time and his file does not indicate his current address although it might be the same as before. It is not believed desirable to furnish correspondent with his address. (100-372409)

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The "Committee of 100" is a group dedicated to obtain justice and equality for Negroes. It is composed of well-known clergymen, authors, editors, lecturers, social workers, educators and lawyers. Approximately 65% of the members are listed in Who's Who. (116-6714) Correspondent enclosed a stamped self-addressed envelope which is being used in outgoing.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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DATE 7-31-89 BY SP7mac/tcB

Dear Mr. Hoover -

How fortunate we citizens are to have such a patriotic and capable man at the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At the meeting of the Committee of One Hundred I heard one of your men speak, Mr. Matt Guertio, the man who was an F.B.I. spy among the communists for seven years. His talk was most interesting.

I have a favor to ask of you. I am president of the National Society of Colonial Descendants. I feel very strongly that everyone should know what a menace to our Country, communists are. To-day I am having the ceiling of my music room repaired and so cannot find the writing paper of The National Society of Colonial Descendants of which I have the honor to be President.

The favor I have to ask is - will you be so kind as to send me the correct name and address of this man?

I want to arrange a large meeting, if I can. He will be in New York the latter part of November and there is not much time between now. and then. I am enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope so as to make you as little trouble as possible.

Impatiently awaiting your information and with gratitude for the splendid work you are doing

Cordially

/s/

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 2-31-89 BY SP7mac/mg

Dear Mr. Hoover-

How fortunate we citizens are to have
such a patriotic and capable man at the
head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At the meeting of the Committee of
One Hundred I heard one of your men
speak, Mr. Math Cretin, the man
who was an F.B.I. spy among the com-

munist for seven years. His father
interested addressed 100-372409-256
engaged address 100-372409-256

I have a few envelopes used by
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president of the National Society of
Colonist Descendants. I feel very strongly
100-372409-

Math Cretin

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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Cordially

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October twenty ninth 1951.

October 30, 1951

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ON 7-31-89

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100-372409-257 PERSONAL AND
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Mr. Herbert Gordon
Vice-President in
Charge of Production
Frederic W. Ziv Company
488 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Gordon:

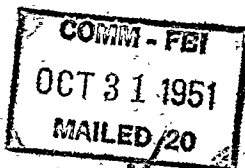
Your letter dated October 22, 1951,
has been received, and I appreciate the interest
which prompted your writing me.

In response to your inquiry, I thought
you might like to know that the individual you
mention did furnish information to us for a
number of years in a confidential capacity, for
which information payments were made to him. He
was never a Special Agent of this Bureau and is
not in any way connected with our organization at
the present time.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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cc New York, with copy of incoming
NOTE: Files reflect that Cuetic is a former paid informant
of the Pittsburgh Office. He never was, however, a
Special Agent of the Bureau. (100-372409)

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CINCINNATI
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FREDERIC W. ZIV
COMPANY

Radio Productions

488 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 22, NEW YORK

October 22, 1951

Director of Personnel
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 7-31-89 BY SP-1 MAC/KB

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
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Mr. Mohr
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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Dear Sir:

We are considering the employment of one Matthew Cvetic as a consultant on a proposed transcribed radio series based on Anti-Communism.

Mr. Cvetic claims he was a member of the Bureau for many years and for nine years worked as an undercover agent for the Bureau in the Communist Party. We would appreciate it greatly if you would advise us as to the authenticity of this, and any other pertinent information you may give us regarding Mr. Cvetic.

I trust that we may get an immediate reply from you as we plan to go ahead with this project at once. You can be assured that any information that you supply us will be kept in strict confidence.

Very truly yours,

FREDERIC W. ZIV COMPANY

Vice President
In Charge of Production

Herbert Gordon - No. 122 File

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SAC, New York

December 26, 1951

Director, FBI

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MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER PG 113-S

CONF. INFO

The following teletype was received from Los Angeles under date of December 18, 1951:

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[redacted] House Detective, Beverly Hills Hotel, today advised that Cvetic has been a guest at the hotel for the past four days and during this time has been in a 'hopelessly intoxicated state.'

[redacted] described Cvetic as being in an acute state of alcoholism who is creating a scene at the hotel literally throwing away large amounts of money. [redacted] wished to know if someone from this office could come out to the hotel to 'straighten him out' and talk Cvetic into returning to Pennsylvania. It was carefully explained to [redacted] that Cvetic has not had any relationship with the Bureau for several years and hence no action would be taken at this time regarding him. [redacted] mentioned that Cvetic has recently been paid off for certain technical services by RKO Studios but is ashamed to go home in his alcoholic state."

Pittsburgh has received a copy of this teletype.

Both offices are requested to contact the U. S. Attorney in each district and furnish the above information as Cvetic is a contemplated witness in Smith Act cases in both New York and Pittsburgh.

cc: Pittsburgh

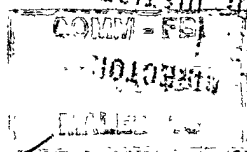
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DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, PITTSBURGH

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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER P DASH G DASH H DASH S. [REDACTED]
HOUSE DETECTIVE, BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL, TODAY ADVISED THAT CVETIC HAS
BEEN A GUEST AT THE HOTEL FOR THE PAST FOUR DAYS AND DURING THIS TIME
HAS BEEN IN A QUOTE HOPELESSLY INTOXICATED STATE UNQUOTE. [REDACTED]
DESCRIBED CVETIC AS BEING IN AN ACUTE STATE OF ALCOHOLISM WHO IS
CREATING A SCENE AT THE HOTEL LITERALLY THROWING AWAY LARGE AMOUNTS OF
MONEY. [REDACTED] WISHED TO KNOW IF SOMEONE FROM THIS OFFICE COULD COME
OUT TO THE HOTEL TO QUOTE STRAIGHTEN HIM OUT UNQUOTE AND TALK CVETIC
INTO RETURNING TO PA. IT WAS CAREFULLY EXPLAINED TO [REDACTED] THAT
CVETIC HAS NOT HAD ANY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BUREAU FOR SEVERAL YEARS
AND HENCE NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME REGARDING HIM. [REDACTED]
MENTIONED THAT CVETIC HAS RECENTLY BEEN PAID OFF FOR CERTAIN TECHNICAL
SERVICES BY RKO STUDIOS BUT IS ASHAMED TO GO HOME IN HIS ALCOHOLIC
STATE. THE ABOVE FORWARDED TO YOU FOR INFO. NO ACTION CONTEMPLATED
BY THIS OFFICE UNLESS BUREAU INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE.

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*cc: Mr. Belmont
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT C-113

DATE: January 10, 1952

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Relet, Cincinnati to Director, dated 12-14-51, captioned "FREDERIC W. ZIV COMPANY; ZIV TELEVISION PROGRAMS, INC.; INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

There are enclosed the following newspaper clippings concerning the sale of the radio rights of the story "I Was a Communist for the FBI" to the Frederic W. Ziv Company by MATTHEW CVETIC:

~~EXPEDITE PROCESSING~~

1. Articles appearing in the "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph" issue of January 7, 1952, by KARL KRUG and LOUELLA O. PARSONS on page 1, columns 3 and 4, and page 8, columns 1 and 2, respectively.
2. Articles appearing in the "Pittsburgh Press" and "Sun-Telegraph," issue of January 8, 1952, on page 6, columns 4 and 5, and page 6, column 3, respectively.

The enclosures are being submitted to the Bureau as matter of information.

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Cvetic Undercover Story Sold As Radio Series

By KARL KRUG

Drama Critic

Matt Cvetic's "I Was a Communist for the FBI," with Dana Andrews starring as Pittsburgh's nationally famous undercover man, will become a radio series, starting March 30, under a 10-year deal just signed by the Frederic W. Ziv production agency and Andrews.

Series, now in transcription production in Hollywood, and which was one of the reasons for Cvetic's recent trip to the West Coast, will cost \$12,500 for each half-hour episode, believed to be the highest budgeted of all new radio shows be-

ing prepared for 1952 debut. Each will tell a complete story of Cvetic activities as a "Communist."

Ziv's national force started selling the Cvetic series today, another just reward for a real patriot who buried himself for nine years among the scum of the Soviet conspiracy. Cvetic sold his "I Was a Communist for the FBI" to the Warners for a very nominal sum, and it has turned out to be one of that studio's biggest money makers in 1951.

That Andrews, top night screen star of unblemished rep-

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Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph
Date: January 7, 1952
Page: One
Column: Three & Four

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**Dana Andrews Signs
Big Radio Contract**

The biggest radio deal since

the TV blight is Dana Andrews contract to star in "I Was a Communist for the FBI," based on the adventures of undercover agent Matt Cvetic, for the Ziv Co.

Calling for a budget of \$12,500 weekly, the air shows will be taped weekly—and listen to this: the deal extends over a period of ten years!

Dana is the fifth screen star to be signed by this company for radio—the others being Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, and Irene Dunne and Fred MacMurray.

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Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph
Date: January 7, 1952
Page: Eight
Column: One & Two

ENCLOSURE

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RADIO CVETIC . . . Film star Dana Andrews who has signed a 10-year contract to bring Matt Cvetic's undercover work to the radio networks.

Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph
Date: January 7, 1952
Page: Eight
Column: One & Two

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ENCLOSURE

100-27247-257

Cvetic May Face Legal Fight Over Plans to Be Radio 'Star'

New York Firm to Start Series Of Broadcasts Based on His Exploits

Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man, may have to become a lawyer before he becomes a radio personality.

A Pittsburgh attorney indicated today there's likely to be a legal battle over plans of a New York radio transcription outfit to serialize Mr. Cvetic's story.

"I Was a Communist for the FBI."

The Frederic W. Ziv Co. has announced it will start a series of 52 weekly broadcasts based on Mr. Cvetic's exploits on March 30. It said it had bought the radio rights to his story for the next 10 years.

Have Contract with Cvetic

In Pittsburgh, Attorney Harry Alan Sherman said he and James Moore, a local newspaperman, have a contract with Mr. Cvetic under which they share in his income.

"We intend to enforce our interests," Mr. Sherman declared.

He said Warner Brothers, which filmed Mr. Cvetic's story, also "will have to be negotiated with" because the movie contract specified radio rights to "I Was a Communist for the FBI" were to be withheld for three years and television rights for nine years.

Movie Premiered Here

The picture was premiered here only last year.

Mr. Sherman explained the contract in which he holds an interest stipulates that Pete Martin, a writer for The Saturday Evening Post, is to get the first 15 per cent which Mr. Cvetic receives as an outgrowth of the series of magazine articles entitled "I Was a Communist for the FBI," which Mr. Martin helped prepare.

Of the remaining amount, Mr. Sherman said, "I get 30 per cent,

Mr. Moore gets 30 per cent and Mr. Cvetic, 40 per cent."

Mr. Moore, when questioned about the radio deal, said he also intends to enforce his part of the contract.

Mr. Cvetic, who flew here today from New York to appear as a witness at Communist Steve Nelson's sedition trial, insisted "the contract between the Frederic W. Ziv Co. and myself is perfectly legal."

"Necessary releases," he said, "have been secured from the Saturday Evening Post and Warner Brothers to produce this radio serial."

The magazine articles reportedly were bought by The Saturday Evening Post for \$7500. Movie rights were said to have netted an additional \$22,500.

Details Not Revealed

If this is so, it means Mr. Cvetic has made \$10,200 on the magazine and movie versions of his story; Mr. Sherman and Mr. Moore each has received \$7650 and Mr. Martin, \$4500.

The details of the radio deal were not announced. The Ziv Co. said only that production costs for each half-hour broadcast would be \$12,500, "believed to be the highest budget of all new radio shows being prepared for 1952."

The 52 broadcasts thus would bring to \$650,000 the cost of producing the entire Cvetic radio series. Movie Star Dana Andrews will portray Mr. Cvetic on the air. In the movie, Actor Frank Lovejoy played the Cvetic role.

Pittsburgh Press
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Page: Six
Column: Four & Five

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ENCLOSURE

100-24241-257

Cvetic Faces Legal Fight Over Sale of His Story

Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover agent, today faced a legal battle over the sale of his story "I Was a Communist for the FBI" to a radio transcription outfit.

Attorney Harry Alan Sherman and James Moore, Sun-Telegraph newspaperman, said they have contract with Cvetic to handle all his movie, radio, television and magazine rights for nine years.

Pete Martin, Saturday Evening Post writer, who also owns part of Cvetic's magazine rights, said the contract with Frederick W. Ziv production agency was signed without his knowledge. He said:

"I'm turning the matter over to my agent."

CVETIC GOT 40%

Sherman and Moore negotiated the sale of Cvetic's life story to the Saturday Evening Post for \$7,500 and to Warner Bros. for \$12,500. Cvetic received 40 per cent and Sherman, More and Martin split 60 per cent.

It was Sherman and Moore who arranged for Cvetic to go before the House Un-American Activities Committee and which resulted in the swan song of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh.

PROFIT FROM SPEECHES

They also said they arranged for Cvetic to make hundreds of speeches for which he was paid thousands of dollars. Sherman said:

"We never took a dime for any of the Cvetic speeches. We felt he should have the money."

The Ziv Co. said it plans to spend \$650,000 this year in producing the Cvetic radio series.

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Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph

Date: January 8, 1952

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ENCLOSURE

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Matt Cvetic Radio Series Will Make Airwaves Bow in March

(Continued From Page 1.)

utation, signed to portray Cvetic on a 10-year deal, is an indication of the regard and faith in which both he and the producers hold the dramatic value and public service available in the Pittsburgher's real life story. Andrews, son of a Mississippi Baptist minister, has appeared in 33 films, some of them Academy Award winners. The Cvetic stories will be his first venture into a regular radio series.

* * *

There is a tremendous amount of exciting material in Cvetic's nine years of undercover work. He belonged to 75 Communist front organizations, was secretary of the American-Slovene Communist Bureau, and was head of the party's finance committee in Western Pennsylvania.

Cvetic's great devotion to the service of his country first "broke" in February, 1950, when he rocked the House Committee on Un-American activities. He was armed with 93 pounds of Communist data that set a bombshell under the Reds in the United States.

John L. Sinn, who handled the negotiations for the production of the radio series, said:

"This is probably the most important show in Ziv's history, not only because of the large investment we have placed in it, but because of the fact that the company is combining a commercial venture with an important public service. Through this program the American radio public will be made more aware of the inner workings, methods, and goals of Communists in the United States, therefore more conscious of the menace of Communism to our nation."

Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph

Date: January 7, 1952

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Column: Three & Four

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

February 14, 1952

Mr. E. F. Dooley

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BUREAU
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SMITH ACT OF 1940
Bureau file 100-3-74

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PURPOSE:

To place photostatic copies of the testimony of Matthew Cvetie in INS hearings in his file.

DETAILS:

On December 27, 1951, Pittsburgh requested the Bureau to obtain photostatic copies of the testimony of Matthew Cvetie in the INS hearings pertaining to Andrew Dmytryshyn and Frank Borich. The testimony in the Dmytryshyn hearing was given on August 14, 1950, at New York City and the testimony in the Borich hearing was given in Pittsburgh on August 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1950.

The Bureau obtained photostatic copies of the above testimony of Cvetie to be furnished to New York for the use of Assistant United States Attorney Cohn in preparation of the Smith Act trials. By teletype dated January 15, 1952, New York advised that Cvetie is not to be used as a witness in the New York trials and, therefore, copies of his testimony would not be needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

To recommend that the attached photostatic copies of Cvetie's testimony be placed in his case file.

Attachments

ENCLO. BEHIND FILE

cc - 100-372409 (Cvetie)

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Mr. Herbert Gordon
Vice President in Charge of Production
Frederic W. Eiv Company
468 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Gordon:

MATTHEW C. NESTLE
You will recall that on October 18, 1951, you informed Assistant to the Director Louis B. Nichols at FBI Headquarters of a contemplated radio production dealing with Communism. Mr. Nichols informed you at that time it would not be possible for this Bureau to participate in a radio program dealing with the subject of Communism or to be associated with such a program.

Attached is a copy of a letter I have written today to Mr. A. L. Unger, Vice President in Charge of Sales in your Cincinnati, Ohio, office.

Inasmuch as two of your representatives have, in their approach to prospective sponsors of the program, made either false or misleading statements concerning an FBI connection with the program, I trust you will take the necessary steps to avoid a recurrence of this situation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure

cc: SAC, New York (Copy detached to go with Unger letter)
SAC, Pittsburgh (Copy detached to go with Unger letter)
SAC, Richmond (Copy detached to go with Unger letter)

Mr. Ladd (copy detached to go with Unger letter)

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Director, FBI Attention: L. B. Nichols
SAC, Pittsburgh Ass't. Director

1/23/52

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

RADIO PROGRAM "I WAS A
COMMUNIST FOR THE FBI"
PREPARED BY THE ZIV CORPORATION

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DATE 7-31-89 BY SP7MAC/hp

Re my telephonic conversation with Mr. WICK of the Bureau on
1/22/52.

Mr. JAMES A. CARLSON, former employee of the Bureau, advised me on
1/22/52 that the company with which he works, namely: the Westinghouse Air
Brake Company of Pittsburgh, had been approached through a local advertising
company to sponsor the radio program, "I Was a Communist for the FBI." When
Westinghouse Air Brake was approached, the company delegated Mr. CARLSON to
talk with the local advertising agency as well as [] a representa-
tive of the Frederick Ziv Corporation who prepared the radio program.

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Mr. CARLSON on talking with Mr. [] of the Ziv Corporation was
advised that the radio program, "I Was a Communist for the FBI" would be a
series of 52 recorded programs. The price of the program, including all costs
in Pittsburgh, would be \$21,000 for the entire series of 52 one-half hour radio
shows.

When [] talked with Mr. CARLSON about this matter, CARLSON said
he asked [] whether the program had been endorsed by the FBI, and Mr.
[] advised Mr. CARLSON that actually when the program was being prepared
MATT CVETIC appeared at the office of the Ziv Corporation with two FBI Agents
who turned over 93 pounds of official FBI files for review for material from
which to prepare the radio program. CARLSON said [] told him that the FBI
had endorsed the program.

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Mr. CARLSON listened to one of the one-half hour transcriptions, and
subsequent to the playing of the recording CARLSON said he again asked Mr.
[] if he was sure the program was endorsed by the FBI, and [] indicated
that it was.

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I telephonically contacted Mr. WICK at the Bureau and outlined the
aforementioned facts, and the Bureau instructed that I personally contact Mr.
[] and inform him in no uncertain terms that the FBI had not endorsed
the radio program, "I was a Communist for the FBI," that the FBI had nothing
to do with the promotion of this program, had no comment to make in regard to
it, and the FBI was not cooperating in any manner to promote the program.
Mr. WICK suggested that I determine from [] the identity of any persons
to whom he had represented the program as being endorsed by the FBI. He sug-
gested that if contact with [] put Mr. CARLSON in a compromising position,

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Memo to the Director
From PG, 1/23/52
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Re: RADIO PROGRAM, "I WAS A COMMUNIST
FOR THE FBI," PREPARED BY THE
ZIV CORPORATION

I might desire to consider contacting [] along with Mr. CARLSON.

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I arranged promptly to contact Mr. [] along with
Mr. CARLSON at [] room at the Pittsburgher Hotel on the afternoon
of 1/22/52.

[] informed me that he understood through Mr. A. L. UNGER,
Vice President in Charge of Sales of the Ziv Corporation, who is stationed
in Cincinnati, Ohio, that the Bureau had cooperated in the production of
this program by making available files for material for the program. He
said he did not understand through Mr. UNGER and did not intend to leave
the impression with Mr. CARLSON that the FBI actually had endorsed the
program. He said he had made no such representations to any one else
contacted in regard to the sale of the program, and the only reason he had
made the comment to Mr. CARLSON was due to the fact Mr. CARLSON had asked
him if the FBI had endorsed the program. He said he most certainly would
not make any such representation in the future, and he advised that he would
immediately clarify the matter with the local advertising agency representa-
tive who was present at the time Mr. CARLSON talked with []

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[] advised me that he is a representative of the Ziv Corpora-
tion and is stationed in Dayton, Ohio.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former Security Informant C-113

DATE: 3-18-52

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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
Mr. Gurnea ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Hendon ✓
Mr. Jones ✓
Mr. Quinn ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Gandy ✓
Tele. Rm. ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

On March 13, 1952, [redacted] a confidential source of the Pittsburgh Office, advised SA [redacted] that MATTHEW CVETIC is presently in Cincinnati, Ohio, staying at the Plaza Hotel. [redacted] stated that it is his belief that CVETIC is conversing with Senator ROBERT TAFT's headquarters concerning "smear" information to be used in the 1952 presidential campaign against the present administration.

It is noted that the above is only [redacted] opinion and that he possesses no facts substantiating same.

The above is for the Bureau's information.

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Director, FBI

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3-15-52

MATTHEW CVETIC
GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPANY

Attached is an invitation which I received 3-13-52 from the public relations agency handling a proposed local radio program in Houston, to be sponsored by the Graybar Electric Company, and featuring the experiences of CVETIC.

As background, a few days ago I received an invitation to lunch from [redacted] General Manager of Radio Station KXYZ, Houston, and [redacted] a local public relations man. I was previously acquainted with both of them. I lunched with [redacted] having had something come up with his boss, [redacted] and [redacted] explained that the Graybar Electric Company was going to sponsor, over Station KXYZ, Houston, a program participated in by and giving the experiences of CVETIC. I believe the Bureau is probably familiar with the program.

[redacted] first asked me whether it would be possible for those interested in the promotion of this program to send a telegram in my name to a group of prominent Houstonians, inviting them to a meeting at the Shamrock in Houston, where the program would be publicized. I told him emphatically that this was out of the question, and he then indicated that I would be sent an invitation to attend this meeting and asked if I could attend, and I stated that I would be glad to have the invitation, but I did not know whether I would be able to make it, and that if I did I certainly would not expect my presence or my connection with the FBI to be utilized in any way in the promotion of the program. I have no intention of attending the meeting.

I took the occasion to explain to [redacted] with whom I am reasonably well acquainted, that while I did not know the Bureau's policy or observations relative to this particular program, I did know that Mr. CVETIC is not and never has been an employee of the FBI in the true sense, and that he was actually a paid informant. I explained that I meant no inference relative to the value of his work, and did not desire to deprecate it, because I was certain, although not knowing personally of CVETIC's activities in the past, that his work had been valuable. I explained that it was simply that I felt certain that the Bureau would not desire to be placed in the position of promoting private enterprises as a matter of policy. He stated that he fully understood.

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Houston letter to Director, 3-15-52
Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPANY

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[redacted] made no indication that CVETIC would be referred to as an FBI Special Agent on the invitation, although it is evident that the invitations must have been printed or in the process of being printed at the time of our discussion. Upon receipt of this invitation I called him and referred him to my explanation of CVETIC's relationship to the Bureau, and told him that in view of this I felt that the invitation was badly worded. I again reiterated that this should be considered no reflection for or against CVETIC's former activities, although the reference to him on the invitation is inaccurate, and that the Bureau would simply like to be left out of the picture entirely.

The invitations having already been mailed out, I do not know what can be done about them, although I do feel that any future promotional efforts in which [redacted] has a part will be tempered by my remarks to him.

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As to the content of the program itself, I do not know how it is handled, although I believe that it is possibly recorded in the east and perhaps the Bureau already knows generally the story.

The above is for the Bureau's information, and if further action is desired beyond my furnishing to the Bureau any additional information which comes to my attention, I would like to be advised.

TRENDLE-CAMPBELL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

March 15, 1952

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have written to you in the hope that we may be favored with your co-operation in a project which we are inaugurating in Flint.

On April first WTAC will begin broadcast to the Flint area the Frederick W. Ziv radio show, I WAS A COMMUNIST FOR THE F.B.I., based on the testimony of Mathew Cvetic before the House Un-American Activities Committee. We are presenting this series in our community to dramatize today's current developments and to illustrate the methods and extent of Communist activity, particularly so since Flint was named in Representative Potter's Michigan hearings.

The co-operation I mentioned involves the premier broadcast. I wish to present you on that program: Either a statement recorded from the telephone or by a telegram from you. You would not, of course, be asked to endorse the show nor would your participation be in a commercial broadcast. We plan a fifteen-minute pre-show preview before the premier broadcast. I have already received the co-operation of the honorable G. Mennen Williams, Governor of Michigan, the Honorable James T. Flammagan, Ninth District Representative in Lansing, and the Mayor of Flint, the Honorable Paul L. Lovegrove. We ask only that you make a statement to the effect that there is important Communist activity and that it behooves all American citizens to alert themselves to its danger. If there are any further questions, by all means let me know.

With thanks, then, for your attention to this matter and in the hope that we may receive a favorable reply, I am,

Sincerely,

Laurence Arnold
Program Director

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(A) RADIO PROGRAM "I WAS A COMMUNIST SPY FOR THE FBI" -- Recently a representative of the Frederic W. Ziv Company, an advertising agency of New York City, attempted to interest a Pittsburgh firm in the local sponsorship of a radio show based on Matthew Cvetie's book, "I Was a Communist Spy for the FBI." The Ziv representative stated that the FBI endorses and approves this proposed radio show.

The FBI has had no connection whatsoever with this proposed radio program or with the motion picture or book on this matter. If your office receives inquiries concerning this matter, it should be forcefully stressed that the FBI has not had and does not intend to have anything to do with the radio program.

Full and complete facts concerning any representations along this line by a representative of the Ziv Company should be immediately brought to the Bureau's attention.

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SAC, Pittsburgh

March 7, 1952

Director, FBI (100-3-70)

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THE SMITH ACT - PITTSBURGH)
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Matthew Cvetic

Your attention is directed to the
articles written by former Confidential Informant
Matt Cvetic, entitled "I Posed As Communist For
The FBI," which appeared in the July 15, 1950,
July 22, 1950 and July 29, 1950 issues of "The
Saturday Evening Post."

In view of the statements of Cvetic
indicating knowledge on his part of technical
coverage and other investigative techniques of
the Bureau, it is felt that the attention of
United States Attorney Edward C. Boyle should be
directed to these articles prior to any pretrial
interviews conducted with Cvetic in connection
with the forthcoming Smith Act trial in Pittsburgh.

cc: 100-372409

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DIRECTOR, FBI

3/4/52

SAC, DENVER (100-1800)

COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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There is enclosed one copy of "The Reporter" published by the Carter Oil Company. This company is instituting a radio program starring DANA ANDREWS, which is based on the experiences of MATT OCVETIC former Pittsburgh C.I.

This material is being furnished to the Bureau so that the Bureau may be cognizant of action taken by local civic groups to combat Communism.

Enc.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED DATE: March 18, 1952

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"I WAS A COMMUNIST SPY FOR THE FBI"
 RADIO PROGRAM - FREDERIC W. ZIV CO.
 Radio Station KLZ, Denver, Colorado

Tolson ✓
 Ladd ✓
 Clegg ✓
 Glavin ✓
 Nichols ✓
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 Tracy ✓
 Harbo ✓
 Belmont ✓
 Mohr ✓
 Tele. Room ✓
 Nease ✓
 Gandy ✓

SAC Burton of Denver called at 4:10 PM today and talked with Wick. He stated that Mr. Lee Fonderen of Radio Station KLZ, Denver, contacted him stating that on March 31, 1952, Matthew Cvetic will make a personal appearance before a Denver Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Later that same day, he will appear as the star performer in an American Legion Americanism Committee gathering in a Denver high school.

Burton was advised by Fonderen that Cvetic's appearance in Denver is timed with the first broadcast of the radio program "I Was a Communist Spy For The FBI" sponsored locally in Denver by the Carter Oil Company. A representative of the sponsor asked Fonderen to ask the FBI to have a representative available at the luncheon to sit at the head table and also make his appearance at the evening high school meeting addressed by Cvetic.

Burton stated he informed Fonderen the FBI had no connection with this program, that he had another commitment for that date, and the FBI could not in any way participate in Cvetic's appearance, nor in any way whatsoever in connection with the radio broadcast of the program.

Fonderen informed SAC Burton he "smelled a rat" somewhere in this whole affair inasmuch as he was led to believe by some "advance man" or representative of the Ziv Company, that the FBI would afford protection to Cvetic during his Denver appearance.

In no uncertain terms Burton informed Fonderen this is not correct; that the FBI has no connection whatsoever with Cvetic, his appearances, his activities, or the program.

SAC Burton made specific inquiry of Fonderen to determine whether the FBI had been used as a selling wedge by the station or the Ziv Company in securing Carter Oil Company as a program sponsor. Fonderen informed Burton he well understood the FBI's position and that no such representation, to his knowledge, had been made at any time. The program was sold simply on the basis of its being a so-called public service program of an anti-Communist nature.

ACTION: None, for information.

cc - Mr. Jones

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: April 8, 1952

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC

"I WAS A COMMUNIST"

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The radio show "I Was A Communist" was broadcast at 7:00 p.m. on the night of Monday, April 7, 1952, over station WRC, which is NBC in Washington. It is sponsored by the Hamilton National Bank of Washington, D. C., and stars Dana Andrews. The story centers around the experience of Matt Cvetic while he was working as an informant for the FBI. It is stated that much of what happens on this program actually happened to Matt Cvetic.

According to the announcer the program will run for many weeks. It is a thirty-minute program.

The story opens when Cvetic calls Baker, an FBI Agent, to report that Communist superiors have called Cvetic for a conference. Baker tells Cvetic to go. Arriving at the conference Cvetic talks with a Communist superior who advised Cvetic that an important Communist functionary named Otto Janis has committed suicide in his hotel room in New York and that Cvetic is assigned to take Janis' place in the party.

Cvetic cannot sleep enroute to New York except for brief periods and then he talks in his sleep. This talk is dangerous. Cvetic believes Janis was probably murdered by the party and he feels that the same thing may happen to him.

On arrival in New York Cvetic finds that he has been assigned a double room. He is just unpacking when in walks comrade Karp, a big bully type, who announces "I am your roommate." Karp brings in a tape recorder and Cvetic starts sweating because he knows he talked in his sleep last night. Perhaps Karp is there to get proof of Cvetic's disloyalty and lay the basis for another case of "suicide." Karp makes it clear that the party line is that Janis committed suicide and Cvetic is to spread that line.

Cvetic dares not sleep all that night. He fights to stay awake and at 4:00 a.m. he calls the drugstore to get some "stay awake" pills but he hung up when Karp roused from his sleep.

The next day Cvetic stumbled to his work more dead than alive and the following night fell asleep and then woke up in a cold sweat, remembering the tape recorder. On his hands and knees he slithers across the floor to set the recorder so that it erases what has been recorded. Although Cvetic does not know it he was shouting "I hate the FBI" over and over again in his sleep.

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Baker calls Cvetic the next day in the hotel room while Karp is in and Cvetic has to make it appear that the caller has a wrong number. Cvetic gets the message, however, and later meets Baker at a prearranged spot where Baker reveals that the room occupied by Cvetic and Karp was tapped. Baker plays back to Cvetic a record of Cvetic's talk in his sleep on the previous night. Baker thinks this sleep talk a wonderful thing because the party will be convinced by it that Cvetic is a good Communist. Cvetic then reveals that he erased the recording from the tape recorder which Karp had in operation. Baker tells Cvetic that the latter was foolish because Karp would be able to detect what had happened.

Baker then tells Cvetic to go back to his room stating "We have the room next to yours. If anything happens we will try to help you--I said we will try." Cvetic then goes back to the room and finds Karp playing the tape recorder from the night before. There is nothing on it and Karp is too dumb, Cvetic joyfully discovers, to realize what happened. Cvetic is then charged with emotion, having discovered that the Communists are not as smart as they claim to be and that "we can outsmart them." The half-hour ended here.

This program is the eeriest kind of cloak and dagger stuff. The music and sound effects are weird, haunting and menacing throughout. Much of the dialogue is a monologue of Cvetic almost crying out in fear as terror strikes him again and again while thinking of what the party will do to him if he is discovered. Many a death-house scene has been played with much less drama.

The character Baker lacks a great deal of accurately portraying a Special Agent of the FBI. He is blindly unreasoning and dictatorial in his commands and his voice sounds as though it were coming from the bottom of a well. The whole story is fictionalized about as far from reality as it would be possible to get.

The Communist superior of Cvetic talks like a Nazi or Russian secret police agent. He has a foreign accent that is definite but of uncertain origin.

This program is most unfortunate for the Bureau. It would almost seem that those who wrote the program went out of their way to cast the music, story, and dialogue in such a way as to make any potential informant of the FBI cringe in terror. If any person who is in a position to be an informant hears this program and accepts it as a reasonably factual account of what Cvetic went through we can be sure that we will never be able to make an informant of him. He may quit the Communist party but he will never willingly subject himself to the "living death" which Cvetic is portrayed as having endured.

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same view.
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At 7:00 P.M. on 3/21/52 the premiere broadcast of the above program, starring Dana Andrews, was presented over radio station WRC. This program was stated to be based on "the records and experiences of Matt Cuetic, who for nine years was a Communist for the FBI." The program of instant date was titled "I Walk Alone." copy

PLOT:

The story on this program began with Cuetic calling the FBI office and informing one Special Agent Dick Lawrence that he was going to an important meeting of his cell of the Communist Party that night and that he thought he would have a report to give Special Agent Lawrence after the meeting because the cell was to be addressed by a "big shot" from Bucharest. Cuetic goes to the meeting and the "big shot" is one Comrade Reuchenko who gives Cuetic and two other members of the cell copies of a very important letter which they are to memorize and return to him in several days. The letters reflect the identity of members of the Communist Party who are performing sabotage in strategic industries, particularly in the atomic energy installations. Reuchenko is introduced to Cuetic as a man who has been checking information leaks from the Party to the FBI. After the meeting Cuetic calls Lawrence and tells him of the important letter he has and states he is mailing it to him together with his report. He asks Lawrence to copy the letter and return it to him very quickly.

The next morning Cuetic meets another Party member, one Simon Horvath, who informs him that Reuchenko wants the letter back immediately. Cuetic stated that he left the letter at his home and that it will be necessary for him to go there to get it. The plot indicates that Cuetic is not actually living at his home but at a hotel because of the disagreement between him and the members of his family concerning his Communist Party activities. When Horvath states he will accompany him to Cuetic's home, Cuetic states that his mother is home and that it will be necessary to call his home first to see if it is alright for him to go there to get the letter. Cuetic then calls the FBI office and holds a "double talk" conversation

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with the agent in Horvath's presence; he is informed by the agent that the letter was so important that it has been sent to Washington and it won't be possible to get it back to Cvetic until the next day. Horvath then accompanies Cvetic to his home and on the way tells him that Revchenko is actually an MVD agent. When they arrive at Cvetic's home Horvath agrees to let Cvetic enter alone "to see if his mother is well enough to see them." Cvetic then speaks to his mother and asks her to tell Horvath that she saw the letter but burned it without opening the envelope in which it was contained. Although Cvetic's brother, who is present, denounces Cvetic for his Communist activities, the mother agrees to tell Horvath the story Cvetic asks her to tell him and she does this. He appears to be satisfied with the story. They then return to see Revchenko and on the way see a newspaper headline announcing that the FBI has arrested some Red atom saboteurs.

Revchenko questions Cvetic very closely, not appearing satisfied with his explanation of the disposition of the letter; however, he tells Cvetic to leave and then indicates to Horvath that they will soon find out if his story is the truth. Cvetic then goes back to his home and his mother tells him that while he was gone "two FBI agents with brief cases" had been to see her and told her that he was not really a Communist but was an informant for the FBI and was serving his country. After suitable suspense is built up, because Cvetic knows that these men were not actually FBI agents but CP members attempting to trap him, the mother informs Cvetic that she told them she would be very happy if what they told her was the truth but she knows that it isn't and that her son is actually a Communist. Cvetic indicates suitable relief and the story closes with a monologue by him wherein he states that he "lives in the shadows, is two people but nobody, and that he walks alone."

ANALYSIS:

While the acting is of very good caliber on this program, the plot is very loosely put together and leaves many unanswered questions. One wonders why the Communist Party members, especially an MVD man, would accept such a puny excuse as that given by Cvetic and also why it was necessary for him in the first place to give the letter to the FBI when he could have easily made a typed copy of it himself. One also wonders why it was necessary for the FBI to send the letter to Washington, especially when they knew he would need to have the letter returned to him within a short time.

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The program minimizes any part in the FBI in the experiences of Guetic and never does explain how he became mixed up in the whole business in the first place. It also does not put the Bureau in too favorable a light because of the above handling of the letter.

COMMERCIALS:

The one really favorable part of the program is the manner in which the commercials are handled. Three are given, one in the beginning, one at the middle, and one at the end of the program. All three are very short and are tied in very well with the theme of the program. One hardly realizes that they are commercials. The sponsor for the program in Washington is the Hamilton National Bank of Washington, D. C.

CONCLUSION:

While this program will probably be of interest to many persons, because it does have an element of suspense on a timely topic, it is not believed that it will gain any great popularity or that it will do any harm to the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

Mr. D. H. Ladd

March 26, 1952

A. H. Belmont

MATTHEW CVETIC

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE MCCARRAN COMMITTEE
(EXECUTIVE SESSION) FEBRUARY 7, 1952

In reviewing the transcript of Cvetic's testimony before the McCarran Committee on February 7, 1952, the following testimony was noted on pages twenty and twenty-one:

"Mr. Duffy: ---

"Mr. Cvetic, before leaving the subject of the International Workers Order, might you comment on the membership strength of the IWO in the Pittsburgh area or in the State of Pennsylvania, if possible?

"Mr. Cvetic: I could give you what I understood the national figures to be in 1951.

"Mr. Duffy: If you please.

"Mr. Cvetic: From a top strength of 180,000 in 1949 it dropped down to about 120,000 on a national level. In Pennsylvania the strength as of January, 1951 was around 20,305 members. Presently they have about 24,000 members in Pennsylvania in 412 lodges. In the Pittsburgh area there are 25 lodges with a membership of approximately 1800 adults and 263 juniors."

It is interesting to note that the figures on the International Workers Order membership given by Cvetic are identical with figures obtained by the Bureau from the New York Office and set forth in the attached copy of a memorandum dated February 4, 1952, which information was furnished orally to Mr. Don Connors of the McCarran Committee on February 6, 1952.

It is interesting to note that Cvetic left the Communist Party in February, 1950, and, therefore, it does not appear likely that he would have ready access to exact membership figures of the International Workers Order as of January, 1951.

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PURPOSE:

To present a brief outline of the nature of the testimony of Matthew Guetic before the McCarran Committee and to reflect the administrative handling and disposition of the testimony.

BACKGROUND:

A transcript of this testimony was furnished to the Bureau in strictest confidence and should not be disseminated outside the Bureau without clearance from the McCarran Committee. The transcript may not be furnished to the Field without prior authority from the Committee and the Field must be advised that the testimony was before an executive session of the Committee and that the information should not be included in reports or otherwise disseminated outside the Bureau. In the event it is desired to furnish any of this information to the Department, prior authority must be secured from the Committee.

IDENTITY OF WITNESS:

Matthew Guetic is well known to the Bureau as former Pittsburgh Confidential Informant C-113. He is now discontinued and is considered as having furnished reliable information during the period he served as an informant for the Bureau. In the testimony of this witness before the McCarran Committee, he identified himself as a former confidential informant of the FBI, and remarked on several occasions that the information to which he was testifying had already been given to the FBI in considerable detail.

NATURE OF TESTIMONY:

Guetic testified concerning the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of the United States with particular

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reference to its general activities and the individuals connected with the Commission. He also testified concerning several Communist Party front groups through which the Nationality Commission worked, and he discussed the activities of those front groups in connection with the Communist Party Nationality Commission.

OBSERVATION:

From a review of the transcript of testimony at Guetic's appearance before the McCarran Committee on February 7, 1952, and from a review of Bureau files, no new and pertinent data were noted and no action appears necessary.

DISPOSITION OF TESTIMONY:

The original transcript of Guetic's testimony was returned to the McCarran Committee on March 4, 1952.

ACTION:

The original of this memorandum together with one photostatic copy of the testimony should be filed in 62-38217, (McCarran Control File). A yellow copy of this memorandum is being attached to a photostatic copy of the testimony for inclusion in the main file of Matthew Guetic, 100-372409.

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United States Senate,

Subcommittee to Investigate the
Administration of the Internal
Security Act and other Internal
Security Laws, of the Committee
on the Judiciary,

Washington, D. C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10 o'clock
a. m., in Room 457, Senate Office Building, Senator Arthur V.
Watkins presiding.

Present: Senator Watkins.

Also Present: Frank W. Schroeder, Professional Staff
Member; John F. Miller, Professional Staff Member; and Edward
R. Duffy, Investigator.

Senator Watkins. The committee will be in session.

Will you raise your right hand, Mr. Cvetic? You do
solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give in the
matter now pending before this subcommittee of the Judiciary
Committee of the Senate of the United States will be the truth,
the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Cvetic: I do.

TESTIMONY OF MR. MATTHEW CVETIC,
WILLIAM PENN HOTEL, PITTSBURGH,
PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, would you please identify yourself by name, address, and occupation?

Mr. Cvetic. My name is Matthew Cvetic. I live at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I am a consultant with the United States Department of Justice.

Mr. Duffy. And you are appearing here this morning to offer testimony before the subcommittee in response to a subpoena served upon you?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, sir.

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, yesterday you gave testimony before this subcommittee on other areas germane to the question of Communist activities within the United States; is that correct?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, sir.

Mr. Duffy. And at that time you set forth for the purposes of the record a complete background and information regarding your life and your activities within the Communist Party?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, sir.

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, this morning for the purposes of our record would you very briefly describe your various positions which you held in the Communist Party for the Western Pennsylvania district?

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Mr. Cvetic. I was a member of the Communist Party of the United States from February of 1943 until February of 1950. My first assignment in the Communist Party was in the Tom Paine professional branch in Pittsburgh. In the spring of 1944 I was transferred to the North Side Club of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh. In the spring of 1945 I was transferred to the East Side Club of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh. Then, in the latter part of 1945 I was transferred to the Lawrenceville Club of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh.

During my membership in the Communist Party I was a member of the Organizational, Educational, and Finance Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania for three years, the period covering August of 1945 until August of 1948. I was a member of the Finance Committee for approximately six years. I was also a member of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of the United States and a member of the Labor Press Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. I was also a member of the Slovene Bureau of the Communist Party of the United States and at various times served as its chairman and secretary. I was also a member of the Yugoslav Bureau of the Communist Party of the United States and served in that capacity for approximately six years.

In addition, I was an officer or functionary in many Communist Front organizations to which I was assigned by the Communist Party during the seven years. Prior to joining the

Communist Party I was employed at the United States Employment Service in Pittsburgh and was utilized by the Communist Party in that area to funnel Communist members into basic industries and Government employment.

Mr. Duffy. During your membership in the Communist Party you were acting as an underground agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, were you not?

Mr. Cvetic. During my entire membership in the Communist Party I functioned as an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, having joined the Communist Party at the request of the FBI, this request having been made in April of 1941, at which time I agreed to accept the assignment and became an actual Party member in February of 1943. During all this time I reported my activities to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, would you please describe the size, membership, and function of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of which you were a member?

Mr. Cvetic. The Nationality Commission of the Communist Party operates on an international, national, and local level. It is composed on an international level of Soviet agents from the various countries, on a national level of Soviet agents of the various nationality groups, and on a local level is composed of Communist agents on the same basis.

For example, the Commission in the United States is

composed of leaders from the various nationalities.

The size of this Commission varied from time to time and meetings which I attended as a member of this Commission found from 12 to 18 members participating.

On a local level the same thing applied except the Commission was broader in scope. On an international level it was also limited to trusted Soviet agents from the various countries, including the United States.

Meetings which I attended with Soviet agents from other countries usually consisted of from 15 to 20 agents in the various sections of the Nationality Commission. The majority of the members of this Commission were alien agents who have been operating in this country for many years. The majority of them were trained at the Lenin Institute or in other Soviet training centers in the Eastern European countries and were sent here for specific assignments by the Kremlin.

The function of these committees on an international level was to hear reports from one of the key members of the Commission to transmit these reports down to the national level of the Commission, whose members in turn were instructed to transmit them to the Commission on local levels in the various cities. The principal centers of activities of this Commission in which I participated were Pittsburgh, New York, Washington, Cleveland, Detroit, and Chicago.

I also attended meetings of this Commission which included

representatives from the West Coast on a national level and also representatives from Canada, Yugoslavia, and other countries on an international level.

Mr. Schroeder. Were there any representatives from Mexico who ever attended these meetings?

Mr. Cvetic. Not as far as I recall.

I would like to point out here that the Commission was also broken down into bureaus, and when I testified earlier I mentioned that I was secretary or chairman of the Slovene Bureau of the Communist Party of the United States. Similar bureaus functioned under the names of the Polish Bureau, Czechoslovak Bureau, Russian Bureau, Ukrainian Bureau, Jewish Bureau, Hungarian Bureau, Lithuanian Bureau, Greek Bureau, Serbian Bureau, Croatian Bureau, Bulgarian Bureau, Macedonian Bureau, and others.

Mr. Duffy. During your membership on the Nationality Commission you functioned on that commission in all three levels, that is, local, national, and international; is that not correct?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, sir.

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, for the benefit of the subcommittee would you state the actual purpose for which the Nationality Commission was formed by the Communist Party and its function along the lines of serving as a liaison branch for the interchange of information within the party?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes. The Nationality Commission of the Communist Party functioned as an agency of the Communist International between the agents of the International, functioning in the embassies of the Eastern European countries, consulates, staffs of the United Nations, the trade and travel organizations, the newspaper agencies of the Eastern European countries, and the Red Cross relief missions of the Eastern European countries, the majority of whom I found to be either Soviet agents or members of the Russian Secret Police.

The Commission would meet with representatives of the Soviet countries, received directives, and planned the carrying out of these directives in the nationality organizations. We also received directives on using certain leaders in the nationality field to influence the policy of the United States Government by having them contact various government leaders in Washington and other sections of the country.

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, during your membership in the Nationality Commission, could you give the subcommittee information regarding the most prominent and apparently the most powerful members of the Commission?

Mr. Cvetic. The most prominent members of this commission operating in the United States were Sam Milgrom, Soviet trained agent who headed the Commission in this country and who made reports to the Commission; George Pirinsky, alias George Nicholoff Zaikoff, trained Soviet Agent from Macedonia and

Bulgaria. George Pirinsky headed the Macedonia Bureau of the Communist Party in this country.

Boleslaw (Bill) Gebert, Soviet Agent who headed the Polish Bureau of the Communist Party; Gerhart Eisler, a courier for the Nationality Commission of the United States; Dr. Victor Sharenkoff or Shernenkov, a member of the Bulgarian Bureau of the Communist Party; Calvin Brueck, alias Kolman, head of the Czechoslovak Bureau of the Communist Party in the United States; Mike Tkach, Soviet trained agent, head of the Ukrainian Bureau of the Communist Party in the United States; Steve Nelson, alias Steve Mesarosh, head of the Yugoslav Bureau of the Communist Party in the United States, and one of the organizational heads of the Nationality Commission from September of 1945 until August of 1948; Frank Borich, head of the Croatian Bureau of the Communist Party in the United States; Tony Majnerich, alias Minerich, one of the leaders in the Croatian Bureau of the Communist Party of the United States; Paul Kluvo, a member of the Polish Bureau of the Communist Party in the United States; James Dolsen, expert on China affairs for the Communist Party in the United States; Tom Babin, a courier for the Yugoslav Communist Bureau, Harry Justiz, a member of the Yugoslav Bureau of the Communist Party; Daniel Kasustchik; Abner Green, a Communist agent operating in the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born; Steve Dedier, member of the Yugoslav Bureau of the Communist Party;

Smeale Voydanoff; Charles Muzil; Leo Bacich; Mane Susnjar; and many others.

Mr. Duffy. Are the majority of the individuals you have just named as being prominent members of the Nationality Commission still residing in this country?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, sir, the majority of the members named are residing in the United States, even though several of them have left the country in the last several years and are now functioning in the governments of the Eastern European countries, on staffs of the United Nations, and in the government proper of the various satellite countries.

Mr. Duffy. Would you relate what information you have relative to the various methods and techniques employed by the Communist Party through the Nationality Commission with the end in view of influencing the various leaders and prominent persons in the United States?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes. The Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of the United States would be called together and would be given a report by Sam Milgrom, Steve Nelson, Arnold Johnson, or one of the other leaders of the Nationality Commission, and then members of the Commission would discuss how to best carry out the policies, which represented the policies of the Soviet Union in this country. Members of the Nationality Commission would then be assigned to contact influential Americans for the purpose of having them contact

various leaders in the United States.

For example, some of the people who were utilized in this manner by the Communist Party were: ^{the late} /Louis Adamic, author, Milford, N. J., State Senator Stanley Novak, Detroit, Michigan; Leo Krzycki, former vice president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and chairman of the American Slav Congress; Zlatko Balokovic, noted concert violinist, New York City; Joyce Borden Balokovic; and many others.

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, do you have information which would be helpful in indicating the particular methods that these individuals would employ in their efforts to contact the prominent leaders in the country or in the Government?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes. After these meetings of the Nationality Commission the Soviet agent who was selected to contact one of our prominent leaders here that I mentioned in my testimony-- in most cases this was George Pirinsky, or Tony Minerich, or Calvin Brueck--would contact the aforesaid individuals, state what they wanted them to do, and in response to this request on many occasions these individuals would visit officials in the State Department or at the White House and discuss the matter with leaders in Washington.

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, what were some of the more prominent political issues that these individuals would seek to influence various leaders in this country in order to effect the foreign policy of the United States more favorably toward

the Soviet Party line, whatever it happened to be at that particular time?

Mr. Cvetic. Right after World War II one of the major changes in the party line was for the party to take a position that this government is becoming Fascistic and aggressive, and the party adopted a line that this government should be influenced to take a position for the complete de-Nazification of Germany. While it is true our Government leaders tend toward anything but Nazism and Fascism, the Soviet agents tried through their propaganda to give indication that such was the case. And therefore through their propaganda methods used people like Zlatko Belokovic and Leo Krzycki and Stanley Novak to come to Washington and contact certain leaders here to accept this line, and that contact not only included de-Nazification of Germany, but also referred to certain imperialist designs of the United States Government and also cleverly portrayed the idea that the United States was an aggressive government seeking war and that the Soviet Union was the force of democracy and peace.

Another favorite party line was to try to influence Government leaders to disseminate atomic information on a worldwide level.

Another one of our favorite party lines in which efforts were made to influence Government leaders was the call for the destruction of the atomic stockpile in the United States

Another favorite line was to call for disarmament in the United States. Another favorite line was to try to influence Government leaders against UMT and influence them against the rearmament program.

One of the most recent before I left the Communist Party was to influence Government leaders in the recognition of the Communist government in China.

They also tried to influence Government leaders on domestic issues regimenting the economy of the United States

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, would it be correct to state that these members of the Nationality Commission who would act as liaison men with the governmental leaders would attempt to influence the opinions of leaders in Government or throughout the country by claiming that they were voicing the opinions of numerous persons within various nationality groups, whereas in reality those nationality groups had no such opinions or had contrary opinions; is that a correct statement?

Mr. Cvetic. That is an absolutely correct statement

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, would you care to elaborate on that statement?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, I would like to elaborate on it

These liaison people would come down to Washington and give the impression that they spoke for millions of Americans. Actually they were speaking for the Politburo in the Kremlin, because the particular issue which they would be projecting

here would not even be discussed in many cases in any meetings outside of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party.

I recall cases of Soviet agents coming to the United States after a conference with Joseph Stalin, the Premier of the Soviet Union, making their report to the Nationality Commission, and immediately the issues discussed there would be transmitted to the liaison people in forms of the demands of millions of Americans and then they would in turn try to influence our leaders in Government.

Actually they were really spokesmen for the Politburo in the Kremlin.

I will give you one example of my own work in Western Pennsylvania to show you how it operated even on a local level. I would attend the meetings, get this report from the Soviet agent, and then issue statements to the press that I was speaking for 200,000 Americans of Slovak descent in Western Pennsylvania. Actually I was speaking for the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party, and the only meetings that would be held in many cases were only meetings with Steve Nelson, Mike Tkach, Arnold Johnson, Sam Milgrom, or one of the leaders of the Nationality Commission.

Mr. Duffy. In conducting this liaison work with men in the Government, Soviet leaders themselves would not come to Washington but would send other intermediaries; is that true?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, that is absolutely true. As a matter

of fact the Soviet agents are very careful to hide their identity and used influential people of standing to carry their party line to the Government leaders.

Mr. Duffy. During the meetings of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party, particularly those held on a national or international level, would members of various embassies, consulates, or delegations to the United Nations be present and participate in the activities of such meetings?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, sir.

Mr. Duffy. Would you care to elaborate on the extent of their participation?

Mr. Cvetic. While most of their activity was carried on in a furtive manner, I recall attending meetings in New York and Cleveland with prominent leaders from the Yugoslav Embassy, I recall attending meetings in Pittsburgh with representatives of the Yugoslav Secret Police, of attending meetings with representatives of the Slovak and Polish Consulates in Pittsburgh, and also representatives of the United Nations Staffs of several governments.

Mr. Duffy. When these representatives of consulates and embassies attended and participated in meetings of the Nationality Commission, their open objective was of course to further the aims of the Communist Party in the United States; is that true?

Mr. Cvetic. I can best answer that by giving you the words

of one of the Soviet agents at one of the meetings when he told the members of the Commission this: "Remember, Comrades, you are Communists first and Americans second."

4 Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, can you mention the names of some of the more prominent members of the various consulates and embassies, delegations to the United Nations or other foreign government agencies who participated in the meetings to which you refer, that is, meetings of the Nationality Commission?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes. Dr. Slovko Zore, charge d'affaires of the Yugoslav Embassy; Pero Dragilla, Yugoslav Embassy; Sime Balin, representative of the Yugoslav Embassy; his wife; the late Palma, Czechoslovak Consul in Pittsburgh; Bill Gebert, who was a Soviet agent in this country for some 20 years and is now a representative of the Polish Communist government on the staff of the United Nations; Dr. Victor Sharenkoff, who also operated as a Soviet agent in this country for many years and who is now with the Bulgarian government; representatives of the Communist Polish Consulate in Pittsburgh and Chicago, whose names I do not recall; Steve Loyen and Mirco Markovic, who operated as Soviet agents in this country for many years and who are now representatives of the Yugoslav government in Belgrade; Steve Dedier, Dr. Stanoje Krasovec of the Yugoslav government; and others.

The activities covered the period from May of 1944 until February of 1950 and all activities in connection with these

individuals were reported to the FBI.

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, since this activity occurred during the years 1948, 1949, and 1950, it is safe to assume, is it not, that the representatives of the Czech and Polish consulates or embassies or missions were representatives of Soviet bloc countries at that time?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes.

Mr. Duffy. And, furthermore, those same men whom you have mentioned above who were representatives of the Communist controlled governments in their countries were in the United States enjoying diplomatic immunity as members of their government consulates and embassies; is that not correct?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, sir.

Mr. Duffy. And these persons above named enjoying diplomatic immunity in this country were engaging directly and intimately in furthering the Communist conspiracy?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, and I would like to elaborate on this.

Mr. Duffy. If you would, please.

Mr. Cvetic. My reports to the FBI will show that I was at various times offered help from representatives of the Communist Eastern European governments in the form of personnel, funds, and whatever help I might need to further the Communist conspiracy in this country.

Mr. Duffy. Can you give any specific instances whereby aid was offered to you by any foreign government consulate or

embassy in this nation intended to further the Communist conspiracy in this country?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes. I met with Dr. Zore, charge d'affaires for the Yugoslav Embassy, on two or three occasions and he offered me the sum of \$4,000 or any additional amount that I may need, plus personnel which would be required to staff a Communist newspaper in the Slovenian language in the United States.

Mr. Duffy. And what was the approximate time of this occurrence?

Mr. Cvetic. In 1945 or 1946.

Mr. Duffy. Perhaps we could recess now for lunch and return about 1:30.

(Thereupon, at 12:15 p. m., Thursday, February 7, the hearing recessed to reconvene at 1:30 p. m. the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p. m.

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, what are some of the more important Communist Front organizations which were used directly by the Nationality Commission to achieve their objectives within the Party?

Mr. Cvetic. First, there was the Communist language presses in the various nationalities, some of which were printed at 1916 E Street, North Side, Pittsburgh, and which are now being printed and distributed out of Chicago, Illinois. Some of them were printed and distributed out of Detroit, Michigan and some out of New York City. Some of these organizations were: The American Slav Congress, The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, the American Polish Labor Council, the International Workers Order, the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, the Civil Rights Congress, the Labor Youth League, the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, Progressive Party, American-Soviet Friendship Council, Congress of American Women, and others.

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, could you elaborate in some detail as to the specific strategy that the Communist Party through the Nationality Commission took advantage of these front organizations to achieve a particular objective according to the party line as it existed at a given time?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes. The organizations which I mentioned were all utilized by the Nationality Commission to further

some phase of the Communist conspiracy in this country.

For example, the International Workers Order, which was set up by the Communist Party, was an out and out Communist organization whose activities at all times were directed by the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of the United States. The organizers and officers of the International Workers Order with whom I came in contact were for the most part alien Soviet agents who toured the country ostensibly on legitimate insurance business, but actually to carry the Communist Party line into the various nationality groups throughout the country. This work was at all times under the direction of Sam Milgrom, Steve Nelson, Arnold Johnson, or Al Landy. The IWO was one of the principal places of refuge for alien Soviet agents. It was utilized as a propaganda arm of the Communist International, utilized as a money-raising organization, and also utilized to influence some of the minority groups along the Communist Party line.

The IWO was one of the principal sources of finances in that it had on its payroll in one capacity or another literally hundreds of Soviet agents and also raised millions of dollars in special campaigns for direct Communist activity.

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, would you say that the IWO as a Communist Front organization is one of the principal ostensibly legitimate sources of raising money for the Communist Party?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, sir. At the height of the membership

in the IWO the Communists were able to influence up to 180,000 of its members. When the IWO was exposed as an instrument of the Communist International thousands of policy holders who were duped into joining this organization and who inadvertently were supporting the Communist revolution in this country through their membership withdrew from the IWO and sacrificed their policies and all premiums they paid.

Mr. Duffy. Could you comment on the names of the principal leaders or officers in the International Workers Order?

Mr. Cvetic. Mr. Duffy, I could do that, but if the Committee wishes they could secure my testimony which was given in the case of the State of New York vs. the IWO, which did cover at length the activities of the officers of the IWO.

Mr. Duffy. In the interest of saving time, that information will be obtained from that source and incorporated in this record at a later date.

Mr. Cvetic, before leaving the subject of the International Workers Order, might you comment on the membership strength of the IWO in the Pittsburgh area or in the State of Pennsylvania, if possible?

Mr. Cvetic. I could give you what I understood the national figures to be in 1951.

Mr. Duffy. If you please.

Mr. Cvetic. From a top strength of 180,000 in 1949 it, dropped down to about 120,000 on a national level. In

Pennsylvania the strength as of January, 1951 was around 29,305 members. Presently they have about 24,000 members in Pennsylvania in 412 lodges. In the Pittsburgh area there are 25 lodges with a membership of approximately 1800 adults and 263 juniors.

I have submitted to the FBI many reports on the direction of the IWO by the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party and also submitted to the FBI a list of officers of the International Workers Order in the Western Pennsylvania districts.

6 Mr. Duffy. Can you give any information regarding the operational activities of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, which is, as you have previously stated, one of the most prominent of the Communist Front organizations?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, sir. The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born is a legal arm of the Communist Party whose principal duties were to defend alien Communist agents who got in trouble with the law. They were also utilized by the Communist Party as a propaganda agency to influence foreign-born Americans. The committee itself operated under the direction of Abner Green, the executive secretary, who I knew as a member of the Communist Party, and under the direction of the following active members with whom I met from time to time to discuss strategy: Sam Milgrom,

Pearl Hart, Harriet Barron, Isidore Englander, the late Carl Wise King, Dorothy Strange, Gerhart Eisler, and others.

To give the character of the organization, I would like to state here the words of Sam Milgrom and Abner Green when we met in Chicago, Illinois. Sam Milgrom stated to Abner Green that, "We are now defending 267 cases and of the 267, 266 are our party members." Sam Milgrom asked Abner Green, "How the hell did the other guy get in? Who is he?"

Mr. Schroeder. In reference to citing cases there, you mean immigration cases?

Mr. Cvetic. I mean deportation cases, that is, alien Soviet agents who were arrested by the Immigration authorities for deportation.

Mr. Schroeder. Is it not a fact that the Committee on Foreign Born as one of their functions was to propagandize Congress so that liberal immigration legislation would be passed so our gates would be open to admit aliens?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes. That was just one of the propaganda activities of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, and of course other activities included opposition to stricter legislation governing alien Soviet agents in the United States.

Mr. Duffy. And stricter immigration laws?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, stricter immigration laws.

For example, they opposed the Mundt-Nixon bill, the Hobbs

bill, against which they waged a vigorous campaign, and many other laws which were aimed at alien Soviet agents who were working in this country to overthrow the United States government by force and violence.

Mr. Duffy. In reality the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born was not in the true sense a Communist Front organization, but was an essential and integrated part of the Communist Party, was it not?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, sir, it was one of the legal arms of the Communist Party.

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, can you give any details about the organization and the operation of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, sir. The Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy was a communist organization whose principal activities during my work for the FBI in the Communist Party were to gain recognition for the Communist government in China, to influence leaders of government and industry to establish trade relations with the Communist government in China, and it was used as a propaganda agency to bring the United States into contempt by continually branding it as an imperialist aggressor with regard to its relationship with the people of China.

They also carried on a strenuous propaganda campaign for the inclusion of the Chinese Red government in the United

Nations, and generally referred to our policy with regard to China, Korea, the Philippines, and all of Asia as being imperialistic.

As an illustration of how this work was carried from the Communist Party into this organization; I attended a meeting at which Steve Nelson, a trained Soviet agent, made a report in which he stated that, "We must get all the help in the way of machinery, and equipment and materials from the suckers over here (meaning the United States) for our new government in China, as this will hasten the day of the revolution here (meaning the United States)." This report by Steve Nelson was made in December of 1949 in North Side Pittsburgh.

Further commenting on the situation in China, Steve Nelson stated that, "I am afraid we are going to have to liquidate 20,000 peoples enemies in our new country, China, in 1950." The term "peoples enemies" when used by a Soviet agent refers to anyone who is anti-Communist or anyone who fights for independence.

I recall six or eight weeks ago reading a wire service release that over 16 million people were liquidated in China since that time.

I did turn over to the FBI many reports and documents which were issued to me by the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania on the Communist propaganda line with regard to, China, and also made reports on my activities in the Communist

Party dealing with the China question.

7 Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, could you comment at your own pace and in whatever detail you are able to regarding the Labor Youth League, one of the more prominent Communist Front organizations?

Mr. Cvetic. The Labor Youth League (LYL) is the youth arm of the Communist International in the United States. I know this to be a fact because I attended meetings in the Pittsburgh area where the Labor Youth League was set up and where documents were used as a guide in setting up the Labor Youth League, documents of the Sixth and Seventh International, the resolutions of the 1945 national convention of the Communist Party, USA, and also a report by Joseph Stalin on the importance of the International Youth Organization of the Communist Party.

In regard to a meeting which I attended at the Fort Pitt Hotel in Pittsburgh as to the formation of the Labor Youth League, I would to cite the words of Bill Albertson, a Communist Party organizer for the district of Western Pennsylvania, who is presently operating out of Detroit, Michigan, and who is under arrest by the FBI for violation of the Smith Act, wherein he said: "Hitler gained control of the youth in Germany before he was able to wage a successful revolution there. We (meaning the Soviet Union) gained control of the youth in Russia before we were able to wage a successful revolution there

in 1917. And we (meaning the Communist Party) must gain control of the youth in the United States if we are to wage a successful struggle here."

I personally met with some Communist educators from our universities, colleges, and high schools who were instrumental in funneling the Communist Party line into our educational institutions and also helped to set up communist cells at some of the educational institutions in the Pittsburgh area.

Some of the Communist educators with whom I had contact in Pittsburgh were: Sam Mallov, Dorothy Alberts, Vactor Steinhart, Eben Matles, Sidney Horwitz, and many others.

Mr. Duffy. What particular techniques would the leaders of the Labor Youth League employ in the schools or on the university campuses to dominate the thinking of the various youths toward the acceptance of a Communist credo?

Mr. Cvetic. The Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania would meet and decide to concentrate on a given educational institution. Then, a distribution of leaflets would be organized and these distributions would usually be made by non-students on the campus. Then the Communist Party members of the Labor Youth League who attended the particular institution and also the educators would observe the reaction of the students to these leaflets. If any of them would voice favorable comments on some of the material which was distributed, they would be then nursed by the Communists working inside of

the institution and invited to a social gathering or a discussion group by the Communists working on the inside.

Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, have you been a member and an officer of the American Slav Congress?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes, sir. I was a member of the National Committee and also executive secretary for the Western Pennsylvania district.

Mr. Duffy. Would you comment in whatever detail you are able to do so regarding the uses to which the American Slav Congress was put by the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes. The American Slav Congress represented an especially important Communist Front in Western Pennsylvania, since in that area there are many Americans of Slavic descent working in the steel, coal, and electrical industries, and the food processing industries, and various factories in that area. Because of the Communist efforts to infiltrate basic industries, the American Slav Congress represented in that area one of the principal propaganda agencies for the Communist Party. It was used not only to carry the Communist Party line to the fraternal organizations amongst the Slavs, but it was also used to influence Government representatives by organizing mass action throughout these organizations to influence legislation by organizing telegram, letter, and post card campaigns for or against various national and international issues, depending

on the Communist position at that time.

8 Mr. Duffy. Mr. Cvetic, in view of your background and experience do you feel that the great majority, if not all, of those persons who are representatives of foreign governments and presently employed in the Soviet bloc nations' consulates and embassies in this country, and the missions to the United Nations, are engaged actively and directly in Communist espionage activities in this country or Communist propaganda activities in this country?

Mr. Cvetic. Yes. My conclusion, based on six years' work with Soviet agents in this country who operated in the embassies, consulates, United Nations, any one of the various trade or travel missions, or Red Cross and relief organizations, convinced me that their first and foremost job in this country is to carry on espionage and propaganda activity against the United States Government, that representatives of the Soviet bloc governments in the United Nations not only operate as propaganda ministers in the United Nations, but also whenever possible carry on in this country to further the revolutionary aims of the Communist International by working in close proximity with members of the American Communist Party and alien Soviet agents, who number literally hundreds in the United States, who operate from such organizations as the IWO, the American Slav Congress, the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, and other such organizations.

One of the most amazing things to me throughout all this work has been that these Soviet agents apparently have been able to carry on their work unmolested, while legitimate representatives of the United States Government in the Eastern European countries have been imprisoned on trumped up charges.

The work of Soviet agents in this country has been made doubly easy by the diplomatic immunity which they enjoy while serving in this country.

(Whereupon, at 2:45 p. m. Thursday, February 7, 1952, the hearing was recessed, subject to call.)

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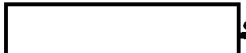
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Your letter dated April 20, 1952, has been received.

I thought you might like to know that Matt Cvetic did serve as an informant for the FBI; however, this Bureau has no present nor past connection whatsoever with either the radio program or the movie you mentioned.

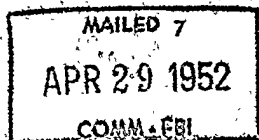
I am unable to furnish you the additional information you requested inasmuch as the files of this Bureau are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you can appreciate the necessity for such a policy.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Sir:

Having heard much of the story of "Matt Sevetic" both on the screen and over the radio, I have been personally curious to know something of the man. Is Matt Sevetic still connected with the dept? What years inclusive did his service cover? Is there available, any literature on this mans work and service. The movies and radio have the habit of "dressing up" a man to make a good story.

It would appear from all accounts the he was a most remarkable man and if he actually lived a dual life for nine years and still managed to live to tell of it he must have been very resourceful.

Any authentic literature you could direct me to on this mans career would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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PURPOSE:

To inform you that the McCarran Committee is releasing at 7:00, A. M., Eastern Standard Time, May 28, 1952, the testimony given in Executive Session before the Subcommittee to investigate the administration of the Internal Security Act and other Internal Security laws of the following witnesses: Joseph Ignac Molnar, Jr.; Pavline Svoboda; and Matthew Cvetic.

To inform you that the released testimony is not a verbatim publication of all testimony given in Executive Hearings of the Subcommittee by these people.

To point out that the Subcommittee transcript of the testimony of these people has been obtained previously from the McCarran Committee and analyzed in the Bureau.

DETAILS:

The Subcommittee to investigate the administration of the Internal Security Act and other Internal Security laws of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary has released for publication at 7:00, A. M., Eastern Standard Time, May 28, 1952, testimony given in Executive Hearings of Joseph Ignac Molnar, Jr., on July 9, 1951; Pavline Svoboda, on February 5, 1952; and Matthew Cvetic, on February 7, 1952.

Molnar's testimony in Executive Hearing July 9, 1951, appears in Volume 68 of the transcript of the Senate Subcommittee which was made available to this Bureau by the McCarran Committee. It was reviewed by memorandum from Belmont to Ladd dated July 30, 1951.

Molnar's testimony included background information concerning himself and identification of various individuals connected with the Czechoslovak official establishment in the United States who were engaged in intelligence activities.

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Pavline Svoboda, better known as Pavlina Svobodova, testified in Executive Session February 5, 1952. The transcript of her testimony was made available to the Bureau by the McCarran Committee and was analyzed March 28, 1952, by memorandum from Belmont to Ladd. The transcript which appears in Volume 160 of testimony before the Subcommittee is not set out completely verbatim in the release. Svoboda, a Czech National, is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] when she was acting as a liaison contact between Dr. Ervin Munk, former Czech Consul in New York, and Joseph Molnar, above mentioned.

This liaison ceased when Munk was declared persona non grata, October 31, 1949.

Prior to the calling of this witness, a memorandum was prepared October 10, 1951, on her in response to a name check request of the McCarran Committee.

Pavline Svoboda has been interviewed on various occasions by Bureau Agents, but her testimony before the McCarran Committee brought out four items which she had not previously told the Bureau. Two of these related to Dr. Munk; one to another Czech, the late Zdenak Palma, who died December 15, 1949; and one related to a Czech official, Jan Vinar, who departed from the United States, October 15, 1951. These items were brought to the attention of the New York and Washington Field Offices in the Svoboda case by letter dated March 31, 1952.

This witness testified in general terms that she had supplied information since her defection from Czechoslovakia in 1950 to the FBI.

Matthew Cvetic testified before the Committee February 7, 1952. You will recall that he is the former Pittsburgh confidential informant C-113 who was discontinued. His testimony in

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Executive Session which occurs in Volume 164 of the transcript of the Subcommittee was furnished to the Bureau by the McCarran Committee and was reviewed in memorandum from Belmont to Ladd dated March 26, 1952.

At intervals in the testimony as published, Cvetic makes reference to the fact that he had furnished information to the FBI and joined the Communist Party at the request of the FBI. Cvetic's testimony related generally to the activities of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party and his knowledge of various individuals connected with the Commission as well as the front groups through which the Commission worked and which had liaison with the official representatives of satellite countries. It is noted that Cvetic testified to the membership figures of the International Workers Order in Pennsylvania as of January, 1951. The figure given by Cvetic in his testimony is that same as that which was furnished orally to Mr. Don Connors of the McCarran Committee by the Bureau on February 6, 1952, the day prior to Cvetic's testimony. It should be noted that Cvetic left the Communist Party in February, 1950, and would not have ready access to the exact membership of the IWO as of January, 1951.

ACTION:

None. This is for your information.

A copy of the release is attached.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (AIR MAIL)
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DATE: May 29, 1952

This is to advise that Mr. M. L. BOSTICK, Manager, Radio Station KWTX, Waco, Texas, has advised this office of a transcribed dramatic program which is being planned by his station. He informed that this program will be entitled, "I Was A Communist For The FBI," will be a thirty-minute transcribed weekly program, sponsored by a local grocery store chain. He advised that this transcription was prepared by the Frederick W. Ziv Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, and that this program will be presently weekly for the next fifty-two weeks, beginning the second week of June 1952. He informed further that to introduce this program, MATT CVETIC, author of "I WAS A COMMUNIST FOR THE FBI" is being brought to Waco, Texas, and will speak at a local school auditorium at 8 p.m. on June 3, 1952, concerning his experiences while reportedly serving as an informant for the FBI.

BOSTICK has advised that these dramatic programs are purported to be excerpts from the book, "I WAS A COMMUNIST FOR THE FBI." BOSTICK made inquiry as to whether or not a Bureau representative would introduce CVETIC at this speaking engagement, but he was advised that this would not be possible.

The above is being submitted for information purposes.

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated May 23, 1952, with
enclosure, has been received.

In answer to your first question, Mr. Cvetic
was not a duly appointed employee of the FBI; however,
he did provide this Bureau with certain information
for which he was compensated.

Inasmuch as he is not now connected with
this Bureau in any manner, I am sure you can appreciate
my inability to comment on your other two inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc. - Minneapolis, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent in
Minnesota. Correspondent enclosed a stamped self-addressed
envelope which was utilized in reply. *red*

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Dexter, Minn
May 23, 1952.

Office of the F.B.I.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following questions,
for which many of us in this community would be deeply
grateful for an answer:

1. Was Matt Cevetic, who spoke here recently, ever an
employee of the F.B.I. as a communist spy, as he
claims?
2. If so, how was he able to leave the party after
acquiring all the secret information which he claims
to have turned over to your office, with out being
liquidated?
3. Why does he urge his hearers to demand that our
government do the very things that Russia is trying
to get us to do?

Sincerely

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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Hexter, Minn

May 23, 1952

Office of the F. B. I.

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Gentlemen: Matthew Cretic

I respectfully submit the following questions, for which many of us in this community would be deeply grateful for an answer:

1. Was Matt Cretic, who spoke here recently, ever an employee of the F. B. I. as a communist spy, as he claims?
2. If so, how was he able to leave the party after acquiring all the C secret information which he claims to have turned over to your office, without being liquidated?
3. Why does he urge his hearers to demand that our government do the very things that Russia is trying to get us to do?

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6-10-52

FROM: SAC, Dallas

SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC

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The above-captioned individual has spoken before groups in several cities throughout North and West Texas in the Dallas Division territory. His appearances have been sponsored in every instance, insofar as is known, by the local newspapers carrying his book in serial form. In various resident agency towns special invitations have been extended to the resident agents. In Fort Worth his appearance was sponsored by the Star-Telegram newspaper owned by Mr. AMON G. CARTER. The resident agency was called and subsequently the writer was called by the public relations director of Radio Station WBAP, which is owned and operated by the Star-Telegram, with an invitation that the resident agents and the writer sit on the platform with Mr. CVETIC as guests of the radio station and newspaper. The invitations have been declined in all instances in line with Bureau advice concerning Mr. CVETIC.

Attached are pertinent clippings from which it will be noted that Mr. CVETIC has referred to himself variously as "undercover agent" or just as an "agent" for the FBI. It should be noted, however, that he was extremely complimentary in his remarks concerning the Director and the FBI. His particular emphasis in this regard is, of course, understandable, since his only apparent "stock in trade" is his alleged association with the FBI.

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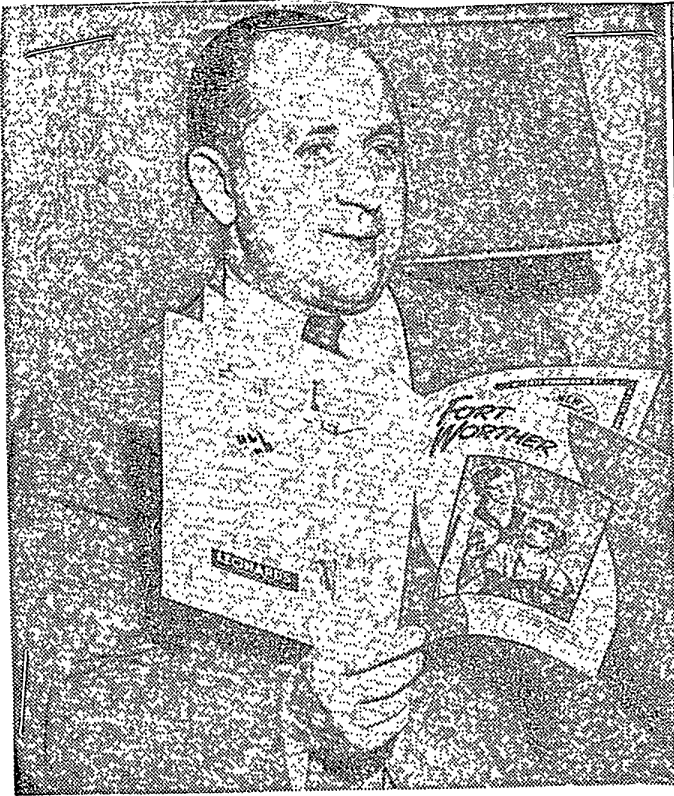
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—Star-Telegram Photo.

MATT CVETIC.

... 'dealing with criminals.'

Ex-Undercover Man Cites Red Criminal Conspiracy

BY BILL HITCH.

Matt Cvetic, a little guy who quietly risked his life and gave up everything he held dear to do a job for his country, feels very strongly about communism. "I recognize no compromise with the Communists," the 43-year-old one-time undercover agent for the FBI said here Wednesday.

"You're dealing with criminals conspiring against your government and your way of life."

And Matt Cvetic knows where of he speaks — he spent nine years in the half-world of plotting, intrigue and espionage, learning the crafty maneuvering of the Communists.

Served Nine Years.

The rather inconspicuous, fast-talking fellow played his part for the FBI so convincingly that he was able to survive his nine years in Limbo and glean for the government important revelations upon which to fight communism.

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FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
Ft. Worth, Texas
June 5, 1952

Re: MATT CVETIC
DL 62-00-216

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Cvetic, who speaks at 8 p. m. Thursday at Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium, gave up much during his undercover job. There is no charge for the talk which is sponsored by the Star-Telegram and Radio Station WBAP.

His mother died thinking him a Communist, his wife labeled him a spy, his son rejected and shunned him and his friends considered him a traitor.

He lived for nine years with few decent Americans wishing him well:

Now Telling Story.

But today he is telling his story—issuing storm warnings under a Communist-clouded sky.

"I believe we should call on the free nations of their work to oust the Soviet Union and its satellites from the United Nations," he said Wednesday.

"We should break diplomatic relations with the Soviet," he explained.

"Would you allow someone to come into your home and completely disorganize it?" he queried.

"There is no difference. They are planning mass murder."

The unheroic-looking little Pennsylvanian made application for Army intelligence work in 1939. That didn't develop.

Picked By FBI.

But a short time later he was tapped on the shoulder by the FBI for his cloak-and-dagger role.

"Sure, I didn't decide to do it at once," he explained.

thought it over for a while. Then I decided to do it.

"The bureau was fair about the deal, they explained that I couldn't call on them for help. I was on my own—an undercover agent for them."

Cvetic's best contribution during his work?

"I feel my tip on Judith Coplon was the best, it was one of the early leads the government got on her."

Cvetic explained how the average citizen could help fight communism.

"If you suspect someone of being a Communist you should report it to the FBI."

"Don't call names—the Communists love martyrdom. But give the FBI information upon which to investigate."

"Citizens should also urge Congress to repeal the statute of limitation on sedition, espionage and the like."

"There is no limitation on murder—this isn't any different."

The dark-haired, 5-foot 5-inch operator admits that he has put on a few pounds since completing his job in 1951—but he doesn't like to be termed stocky.

"The Daily Worker says I'm growing fat on my capitalistic connection," he said with a grin.

Judge to Present Undercover Agent In Thursday Talk

Judge Jack M. Langdon of 17th District Court will introduce Matt Cvetic, long-time undercover agent for the FBI, when he speaks at 8 p. m. Thursday in Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium.

Also on the speaker's platform will be I. B. Hale and Mason Mayne, former FBI agents.

Cvetic, who spent nine years in dual role as a Communist and FBI agent, will detail his experiences. His story "I Was a Communist for the FBI," will have its debut on the radio at 7 p. m., June 12 over WBAP-820.

There will be no charge for the talk Thursday, which is being sponsored by the Star-Telegram and WBAP.

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FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM
Fort Worth, Texas
June 4, 1952

Re: MATT CVETIC
DL 62-00-216

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Veteran FBI Agent to Talk

Matt Cvetic, long-time undercover agent for the FBI in Communist organization, will tell of his experiences at 8 p. m. next Thursday at Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium.

Cvetic's dual role as FBI agent and Communist, dramatized in a movie, has been made into a radio series entitled "I Was a Communist for the FBI" which will star Dana Andrews.

The new program will be broadcast by WBAP, co-sponsors with the Star-Telegram of Cvetic's visit to Fort Worth.

Cvetic will address the Fort Worth Junior Bar luncheon next Thursday and will appear on WBAP and WBAP-TV. He will hold a press conference at 5 p. m. No admission will be charged for the auditorium program.



MATT CVETIC.

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July 11, 1952

Director, FBI (100-372409)

FORMER INFORMANT MATTHEW CVETIC

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There is enclosed a letter addressed to Cvetic, care of the Bureau, from [redacted] of Topeka, Kansas.

You should arrange to have this letter forwarded to Cvetic.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: July 23, 1952

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SAC Cornelius of Philadelphia called at 10:40 A.M. today and stated that [redacted]

[redacted] of the Real Estate Trust Company of Philadelphia, a good contact of the Philadelphia Office, has invited Mr. Cornelius to participate in a welcome for Cvetic being planned by various Pennsylvania posts of the American Legion.

[redacted] told Mr. Cornelius that Cvetic is coming to Philadelphia on August 6, 1952, to address the Pennsylvania State Convention of the American Legion. Additionally, [redacted] has invited Mr. Cornelius to be his personal guest at the general meeting of the American Legion to be held on the same day in Convention Hall in Philadelphia. [redacted] is Commander of a big American Legion Post in Philadelphia.

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Mr. Cornelius inquired whether this invitation should be accepted.

I told Mr. Cornelius that Cvetic had capitalized beyond all reason on his position as former informant for the Bureau and was a publicity seeker and, therefore, he, Cornelius, should tactfully decline the invitation to participate in any activity in Cvetic's behalf.

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Mr. Cornelius inquired whether he could confidentially advise [redacted] of the reason for his declining the invitation since [redacted] is a good contact of the office and very trustworthy. I told Mr. Cornelius that he should not do this but merely diplomatically refuse the invitations extended to him to participate in these events in behalf of Cvetic.

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I thoroughly concur. We want no part in Cvetic's promotion.

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MATT CVETIC, FORMER SI. CS, EVENING BULLETIN, ADVISED BEING
MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE OF CVETIC TO ARRANGE PRESS CONFERENCE, PH,
AUGUST SIX NEXT, WHEN CVETIC WILL ADDRESS STATE AMERICAN LEGION
CONVENTION AT PH ON SUBJECT OF COMMUNISM WITH PARTICULAR
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cc: Mr. Belmont &
Mr. DeLoach

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)
FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)
SUBJECT: FORMER INFORMANT MATTHEW CVETIC

DATE: August 13, 1952

For the Bureau's information there are enclosed two photostatic copies of an article concerning CVETIC which appeared in the August 3, 1952, issue of the Pittsburgh Press at Page 28, Columns 5 and 6.

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Another Red-Hot Convention?

Cvetic Dares Commies to TV Test

It Would Prove
Eye-Opener, He Says

Far be it from Matt Cvetic to inflict further punishment on the television audience.

But the former FBI undercover man would like TV owners to get a glimpse of still another convention in session.

"I'd like to see the Communist Party permit its next convention to be televised," Mr. Cvetic jibed yesterday. "Including the committee meetings, of course."

That, Mr. Cvetic thinks, would be an eye-opening experience for those who still feel the Communist Party is a political party just like the Democratic and Republican.

"There are still a few dupes who believe the Communist Party is just another political organization," Mr. Cvetic declared.

However, he said, a 66-city tour, during which he spoke to an estimated 150,000 persons, has convinced him most Americans realize the Red danger and are anxious to find out how they can help subdue it.



MATT CVETIC
"Clean up faculties . . ."

Former FBI Aide
Has Toured 66 Cities

What Can I Do?

The question he was asked most frequently, Mr. Cvetic replied, was: "How can I personally help fight Communism?"

His answer: "Report every suspicious activity and every suspicious person to the FBI."

Mr. Cvetic, who spent seven years in the Communist underground as an FBI counterspy, said citizens should be especially vigilant with regard to Red infiltration of schools.

"Clean up the faculties of all sympathizers and fellow travelers as well as actual Communists," he urged. "Such persons should not be allowed to teach."

Mr. Cvetic said Communists are anxious to worm their way into schools where they can mold pliable minds to their suiting.

"Teaching Is Privilege"

During his coast-to-coast tour, Mr. Cvetic said, many audiences asked him whether firing Communists didn't impinge on "academic freedom" and "freedom of speech."

"The issues of academic freedom and freedom of speech are not involved at all," Mr. Cvetic said. "Don't be misled."

"Teaching is a privilege—not a right."

"After all, if you own a store and you hire a clerk, you're

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ing to keep him on your heels. If you find out he's plotting to murder you or to rifle your cash register the minute you turn your back on him.

"The Communist is not only plotting murder, he's plotting mass murder. He should not be tolerated on any faculty under any guise of academic freedom."

Newspaper accounts from all cities in which Mr. Cvetic appeared indicate his hard-hitting replies to questions from listeners scored heavily with his audiences.

Shoots from Hip

In Amarillo, Tex., for example, Mr. Cvetic ran into a heckler.

"I am a man 59 years old," the questioner declared, "and they tell me I am too old to work. But I've got a family to support. Are you trying to tell me that capitalism is better than Communism?"

Mr. Cvetic shot straight from the hip.

"I lived through the depression of the 30s," he replied.

"I've traveled this country through its length and breadth.

"I have yet to see anyone starve, and yet hundreds of thousands have been forcibly starved by the Soviet Union and millions have been put to death for simply disagreeing with its political theory."

That, said the Amarillo paper, brought the house down. And it was quite some house—2730 seats filled, 550 standees and hundreds more turned away because they couldn't even see their way in to hear Mr. Cvetic.

In another case, a young man

asked Mr. Cvetic: "Isn't it true the Fascists set the Reichstag in Germany on fire and then blamed it on the Communists?"

"I wasn't in Germany so I don't know," Mr. Cvetic retorted. "But it doesn't make any difference whether the Fascists or the Communists set the fire because Fascists and Communists are alike."

The heckler shut up.

Mr. Cvetic's tour was sponsored by the Frederick W. Ziv Co., which has serialized his story, "I Was a Communist for the FBI," into a weekly radio program.

The program will be broadcast soon here by KDKA under auspices of the Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp.

In his talks, Mr. Cvetic consistently asks for a "no-compromise" attack on Communism.

Which Side Is Ahead?

He would halt all economic aid to all Communists, including Dictator Tito of Yugoslavia; sever diplomatic relations with all Communist countries and kick the Reds out of the United Nations.

"President Truman says the United Nations is winning the war in Korea," Mr. Cvetic cracks, "but he doesn't say which side—our side or the Communist side."

Severing relations with Russia and her satellites wouldn't hurt us at all, he contends.

"We have nothing to lose but 30,000 Communist spies who are roaming our country, posing as diplomats," he says.

"On the other hand, our listening posts in the Communist countries are of no value to us. Our diplomats are restricted."

Many of Mr. Cvetic's audiences ask him for his opinion of such controversial individuals as Owen Lattimore, the so-called "expert" on Far East policy, who has projected many pro-Commie ideas, and Senator Joseph McCarthy, who has been seeking to purge alleged Reds in the State Department.

Of Mr. Lattimore, Mr. Cvetic says: "I don't know whether he carries a Communist card or not. But the man who opens the door for a Communist is as bad as the one who goes through it."

Of Senator McCarthy, he opines: "Maybe you don't agree with Mr. McCarthy's method. But sometimes when you're dealing with criminals, you can't be gentle. You've got to get rough."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 27, 1952

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-2584)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC CONF. INFO.
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Enclosed find six photostatic copies of some articles which appeared in Pittsburgh daily newspapers recently pertaining to Dr. ROY E. HARRIS and NICHOLAS SLONIMSKY, who were named publicly by CVETIC.

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It is noted that [REDACTED]

The articles enclosed are as follows:

"Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph", issues of August 7, 26, 1952

"Pittsburgh Press", issues of August 7, 8, 26, 1952

"Pittsburgh Post Gazette", issues of August 8, 27, 1952.

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The enclosures are being furnished to the Bureau as a matter of information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓
FROM : MR. MOHR
SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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 called you this morning and stated he was handling the publicity for the Hamilton National Bank in Washington, D. C., and that this bank was sponsoring the program involving Matthew Cvetic.

He stated Cvetic would be in Washington Tuesday, October 14, 1952, and that Cvetic had indicated he would arrive in Washington alone.

 wanted to know whether the FBI provided police protection in such instances and whether we would provide such protection to Cvetic in particular.

I told that we do not provide police protection for any individuals in cases of this kind and that if he felt any police protection was necessary or desirable he should contact the local Police Department.

The foregoing is being submitted for your information.

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SAC, Pittsburgh

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Reurtel September 4, 1952, requesting authority to submit to the Bureau copies of only those informant reports of Matthew Cvetic pertaining to matters concerning which he is expected to testify.

In view of the large volume of reports submitted by Cvetic you are authorized to submit to the Bureau copies of the reports covering matters to which he will testify or which it can be reasonably anticipated may come into issue on cross-examination. Two copies of each such report should be furnished to the Bureau as soon as the scope of his testimony is determined.

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Assistant Attorney General Charles B. Murray
Criminal Division

September 16, 1952

Director, FBI

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ON 7-31-89

Information has been received that Matthew Cvetic, a former confidential informant of this Bureau, has been afforded a pretrial interview by Departmental attorneys at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and that it is contemplated he will be a necessary witness in the Pittsburgh Smith Act prosecution.

In considering his use as a witness you are referred to a memorandum in this matter dated July 30, 1951, from this Bureau to Mr. Peyton Ford, then Deputy Attorney General, a copy of which was furnished to the Criminal Division, indicating that Cvetic was discontinued as an informant in January 1950 due to indiscretion on his part and the disclosure of his confidential relationship with the FBI on several occasions. Additional information concerning Cvetic is contained in a memorandum to the Criminal Division dated December 27, 1950, entitled "Internal Security Act of 1950."

United States Attorney Edward C. Boyle at Pittsburgh and the Departmental attorneys preparing the Pittsburgh Smith Act prosecution have been fully advised of the background of Cvetic.

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COMPROS, PITTSBURGH. BUFILE 100-3-74, SUB 39. MATTHEW CVETIC INTERVIEWED BY WILLIAM HUNDLEY AND [REDACTED] DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, IN PRESENCE OF SA [REDACTED] AT PITTSBURGH FROM 10:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M. SEPTEMBER 4, INSTANT. HUNDLEY AND [REDACTED] INDICATED THEY CONTEMPLATED USING CVETIC AS WITNESS IN CAPTIONED MATTER. NOTED THAT VOLUMINOUS REPORTS SUBMITTED IN PAST BY CVETIC AND COPYING SAME WOULD BE BURDENSOME. IN ACCORDANCE SAC LETTER 82, DATED AUGUST 26, LAST, BUREAU AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT COPIES TO BUREAU OF ONLY THOSE REPORTS PERTAINING TO MATTERS TO WHICH CVETIC IS EXPECTED TO TESTIFY REQUESTED, ONCE EXTENT OF CVETIC TESTIMONY IS DETERMINED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS. (U)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1952

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Transmit the following message to:

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USA AND DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS FULLY AWARE OF PAST INDISCRETIONS
AND QUESTIONABLE STATEMENTS BY MATTHEW CVETIC FOR CONSIDERATION
IN CONNECTION WITH HIS USE AS A WITNESS. AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR
PRETRIAL INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] UNDER ADEQUATE
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WITH OTHER ACTIVE INFORMANTS SECURE ADVANCE BUREAU AUTHORITY IN
ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN RULET OF MAY THIRTYONE,
FIFTYONE, RE CPUSA, BRIEF, AND SAC LETTER NINETYSEVEN, SEPTEMBER
TWENTYNINE, FIFTYONE, SECTION B. INCLUDE WITH YOUR REQUEST
DATA RE EFFORTS TO REPLACE TESTIMONY FROM OTHER SOURCES AND
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Note: Dept. was advised July 30, 1951, when Pittsburgh
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orally with Criminal Division August 8, 1951. Cvetlic testified at Pittsburgh indictments and considered essential witness by Dept.



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While she has not been openly exposed, she has been distrusted by Communist Party since about December 1950.

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CONFIDENTIAL - PITTSBURGH. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS HAVE REQUESTED THAT INTERVIEWS BE ARRANGED WITH MATTHEW CVETIC AND [REDACTED] DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1952. TENTATIVE PLANS FOR INTERVIEW WITH CVETIC MADE FOR 10 AM SEPTEMBER 4 NEXT. UACB, TENTATIVE PLANS FOR INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] WHO TESTIFIED BEFORE FGJ RE PGH SMITH ACT CASES, WILL BE MADE FOR 10 AM, SEPTEMBER 5 NEXT. (U)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : H. H. Clegg ✓

SUBJECT: SPEECH BY MATT CVETIC
BEFORE BOARD OF TRADE

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Last night I was a guest of one of the officers at the officers' dinner of the Board of Trade. Following the dinner the officers moved to another room in the Mayflower and the general membership of the Board of Trade assembled. There were probably 250 present. The program consisted of rather lengthy talks about the Community Chest, the National Symphony Orchestra, Washington Opera season, Washington Police Boys' Club and other charitable and civic movements. There was also a musical interlude. The speaker of the evening was Matt Cvetic, author of "I Was A Communist For The FBI."

Cvetic spoke for about 45 minutes. Two notes were sent up to him urging him to stop before he finally concluded. The audience did give him rapt attention. He covered among others the following points:

If we lose to the Communists it is a final loss with no comeback possible--- he recounted how he was recruited by an FBI Agent who called him anonymously and they had their recruiting talk at a back table in a downtown Pittsburgh restaurant--- he told how Communists talk in their secret meetings, referring to FBI Agents as "enemy Agents," "FBI lice," and the U. S. Government as imperialistic, aggressive and the enemy, while referring to Stalin as "our invincible leader" and Russia as "our homeland"--- there was a consistent repetition of the words "I was a Communist for the FBI" and "when I was a Communist for the FBI."

He referred to Philbrick, et al, as "other undercover FBI Agents"--- he related his hardships in that he was for a time ostracized by his family and his mother died without learning that he was doing a patriotic service --- several little anecdotes were recounted of a semi-humorous way about activities of Communists as they would look in closets, bathrooms and under the bed, and cover the telephone with their overcoats before talking in hotel rooms.

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He had numerous suggestions, which he made clear were his own, such as electing officers who would not compromise with Communists; withdrawing recognition from Russia; preparing text books which would expose the real menace of Communism; keeping out all Communists from schools and universities and as he recounted his various suggestions along this line he received a round of applause. There was a brief standing ovation when he finished.

The comments which I heard were such as "amazing story," and "has a small bore caliber so obviously the FBI had to tell him what to do." At no time did he make any remarks which could be interpreted as derogatory to the FBI. It could be observed that from his manner of speech somebody had prepared his material for him.

I was told by an officer of the Board of Trade that he believed that Cvetic received \$500 for this lecture---he had seen the figure but couldn't be sure but he was sure it was more than \$350.

J.P.M.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: Pittsburgh
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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584-A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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INFORMANT C-113

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Re SAC letter No. 82, dated August 26, 1952, Section A.

The above-captioned individual is to be used as a government witness in the case of the U. S. of America vs. STEPHEN MESAROSH, aka, Steve Nelson, et al, tentatively scheduled to commence in the U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, October 14, 1952.

In accordance with instructions contained in referenced SAC letter, there are being forwarded, under separate cover, two photostatic copies each of the reports by CVETIC, listed hereinafter, pertaining to those matters concerning which he is expected to testify at the Pittsburgh trial.

As noted previously in mylet dated October 3, 1952, entitled, COMPROS, PITTSBURGH - IS-C, CVETIC is expected to testify as to the purposes and aims of the CP - USA generally, and particularly to the policies and activities of District No. 5, CP, as expounded and developed at District No. 5, CP conferences, Executive Committee meetings, and regular membership meetings. In addition, CVETIC is expected to testify as to certain activities on the part of several of the defendants, including their participation in the reconstitution of the Communist Party in 1945. CVETIC will also testify as to the duties and responsibilities of all of the defendants as District No. 5, CP officials, with the exception of defendant IRVING WEISSMAN.

An outline of CVETIC's proposed testimony, made available by the Departmental Attorneys, discloses that CVETIC's recollection of CP policy prior to the 1945 reconstitution of the Communist Party is very vague; however, from the Spring of 1945, until 1950, he has a fairly clear recollection of CP policies and activities and can recall many statements of a revolutionary nature made by certain of the defendants.

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It is noted, in connection with the reports of CVETIC, that in many instances, the report will contain, in addition to the particular point desired to be brought out, considerable miscellaneous and irrelevant material. Also, a number of the reports contain the opinions and conclusions of CVETIC as related to a particular activity.

The reports, copies of which are being submitted, have been made available to the Departmental Attorneys for review, but as yet, they have not reviewed the reports to compare the information contained therein with the outline of CVETIC's expected testimony.

Copies of the following-dated reports, 96 in number, are being submitted:

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Philadelphia 38, Pa.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Oct 27, 1952

Dear Sirs:

I am interested in writing a letter to
Matt Svetic. If possible could you give me the
address of this man. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/6/52

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (47-0)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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Mr. Boardman	✓
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[redacted] a former Special Agent of this Bureau who was assigned to the Houston Field Division and also at the SOG, advised he had received information that on October 30, 1952, MATTHEW CVETIC was scheduled to deliver an address at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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[redacted] stated he was told that during the afternoon hours CVETIC was in the bar of the Heidelberg Hotel at Baton Rouge and became intoxicated. He stated during the course of the afternoon, according to the information which he had received, that CVETIC continuously exhibited a letter which was supposedly written on paper which bore the letterhead of the Department of Justice and which letter indicated CVETIC had been retained for an additional year as a consultant to the Department of Justice at the rate of \$24,000.00 per annum. [redacted] stated his information was to the effect that CVETIC became so intoxicated that he was not able to fulfill his speaking engagement on the evening of October 30, 1952 and further, made remarks that he did not care to make a speech for a "paltry sum of \$200.00."

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[redacted] further stated his source of information desired his name not be made public but that if this organization was interested in determining any additional information regarding this incident that his source would speak to an authorized representative of the FBI and would be in a position to give the name of other individuals who also supposedly saw the letter exhibited by CVETIC and heard his remarks.

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No further inquiry is being made into this matter until such time as the Bureau advises.

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Philadelphia 38, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated October 27, 1952, has been received.

In answer to your inquiry, I wish to advise that Matt Cvetic is not an employee of the FBI and we are not aware of his present whereabouts.

Sincerely yours, 29789

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Handling of current letter per telephone conversation with J. D. Donohue in Domestic Intelligence Division.

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